



Medical Assistance – TEFRA Application Checklist and Tips

Your responsibility

There are several steps involved in applying for MA-TEFRA. Your child must first apply for and be denied Medical Assistance (MA) for being over income.

STEP 1:

Contact your county or tribal human services agency to discuss the best option for applying for MA-TEFRA. It may be through MNsure or it may be to use the Application for Certain Populations.

STEP 2:

If applying through MNsure, apply online at www.mnsure.org or by paper, using the [MNsure Application for Health Coverage and Help Paying Costs \(DHS-6696\)](#).

- List your child as the only household member applying
- If your child has a disability, you can answer 'yes' to at least one of the disability questions:
 - Are you blind?
 - Do you have a physical, mental, or emotional health condition that limits your activities (like bathing, dressing, daily chores, etc.)?
 - Do you need help staying in your home or help paying for care in a long-term care facility?
 - Have you been determined disabled by the Social Security Administration or the State Medical Review Team?

If, during the application process, your child is found eligible for MinnesotaCare or a qualified health plan (QHP), they do not have to reapply for MA-TEFRA. If you marked yes to one of the questions above, a referral for MA-TEFRA is in process.

When an application from a child indicates yes to any of the above questions and the child is found ineligible for MA due to family income, the local county or tribal agency will send out an additional application for you to complete (within 45-60 days).

STEP 3:

Complete the [Supplement to MNsure Application for Health Coverage and Help Paying Costs form \(DHS-6696A\)](#) you received in the mail from your local county or tribal agency.

- This is to gather additional information needed to determine eligibility under the TEFRA Option. This form must be returned if you want a determination for MA-TEFRA.

County or Tribal responsibility

1. A county or tribal eligibility worker will review your health care application and refer the case to the Minnesota Department of Human Services State Medical Review Team (SMRT), once they have determined your child's initial eligibility.
2. If SMRT certified your child's disability, a county or tribal worker approves MA under the TEFRA Option.

State Medical Review Team (SMRT) responsibility

1. SMRT will evaluate your child's level of care and may also certify your child's disability if the SSA has not already done so. See [Top Topics > State Medical Review Team \(SMRT\)](#) for more information on the SMRT process and what your responsibilities will be.
2. SMRT sends a certification or denial letter to the child and authorized representative(s) and the county or tribal agency.

Next steps

If your child's disability status is certified by SMRT, you will receive your parental fee bill. You can pay this bill online or by mail.

- **Online:** You can pay online from your checking account or by using a credit card. You can make a one-time payment or set up recurring payments, so fees are automatically withdrawn each month. You can visit the [DHS Web Payments](#) site to make payments.
- **By mail:** Send a check or money order to:
Minnesota Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 64835
St. Paul, MN 55164-0835

Who can I contact with questions?

- Online applications: MNsure at 651-539-2099 or 1-855-366-7873
- MA-TEFRA paperwork or status: [local county or tribal agency](#)
- SMRT paperwork or status: SMRT at 651-431-2493 or 1-800-235-7396
- Parental Fees: Parental Fee Unit at 651-431-3806 or 1-800-657-3751