
DIGEST

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HB 595 Engrossed

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Abstract: Adds eligibility criteria used to determine a child's eligibility for Medicaid coverage through the TEFRA option.

Present law allows eligible children to obtain Medicaid, regardless of parent income, through the TEFRA option if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- (1) He is a Louisiana resident and United States citizen.
- (2) He is under the age of 19.
- (3) He has a disability that is recognized under the definition of disability utilized in the Supplemental Security Income program of the Social Security Administration, regardless of whether he is eligible to receive benefits under that program.
- (4) He is ineligible for Medicaid coverage when the income of his parents is considered.
- (5) Excluding the assets of his parents, he does not have total assets exceeding two thousand dollars in value.
- (6) Due to his disability, he requires a level of care provided in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or intermediate care facility; however, care provided outside of such an institution may be appropriate.
- (7) The cost of his care provided at his home is less than the cost of institutional care.

Proposed law adds that a child may meet a level of care if, within the last 12 months, he presents for emergency care in a hospital more frequently than once per month and the use of the hospital is medically necessary to stabilize a chronic disease.

(Amends R.S. 46:977.24(A)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Add that a child may meet a level of care if within the last 12 months, he presents for emergency care in a hospital more frequently than once per month and the use of the hospital is medically necessary to stabilize a chronic disease.