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## DIGEST

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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 nineteen.
- (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 modifies present law adding that a child may qualify for TEFRA if, due to his disability, he presents in the hospital for emergency care more than once per month. Proposed law further provides that a child satisfies this eligibility criteria if his physician determines that use of the emergency room is necessary to stabilize a condition, such as acute chest syndrome, as a result of his disability even if the child is not admitted to the hospital for inpatient treatment.

(Adds R.S. 46:977.24(A)(8))