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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to human services; directing commissioner of human services to develop

1.3 medical assistance TEFRA enrollment content; establishing stakeholder group on

1.4 the medical assistance TEFRA option; requiring a report.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; TEFRA**

1.7 **OPTION IMPROVEMENT MEASURES.**

1.8 (a) The commissioner of human services, in consultation with the Minnesota Eligibility

1.9 System Executive Steering Committee, shall, using existing appropriations, develop content

1.10 to be included on the MNsure website explaining the TEFRA option under medical assistance

1.11 for applicants who indicate during the online application process that a child in the family

1.12 has a disability. The online content shall include a notification informing applicants that

1.13 the child with a disability may be eligible for medical assistance under the TEFRA option

1.14 even if the applicant does not qualify for medical assistance based on income. The notification

1.15 shall be displayed when the applicant is informed that the applicant is ineligible for medical

1.16 assistance based on the applicant's income.

1.17 (b) The commissioner shall develop a cover letter explaining the TEFRA option under

1.18 medical assistance, as well as the application and renewal process, to be disseminated with

1.19 the DHS-6696A form to applicants who may qualify for medical assistance under the TEFRA

1.20 option. The commissioner shall provide the content and the form to the executive director

1.21 of MNsure for inclusion on the MNsure website.

1.22 (c) The commissioner shall convene a stakeholder group that shall consider improvements

1.23 to the TEFRA option enrollment and renewal processes, including but not limited to:

- 2.1 (1) a web-based TEFRA option application process;
- 2.2 (2) a web-based TEFRA option renewal process;
- 2.3 (3) revisions to the DHS-6696A form, or the development of enrollment and renewal
- 2.4 paperwork specific to the TEFRA option; and
- 2.5 (4) education and training for lead agency staff statewide to improve understanding of
- 2.6 the TEFRA option enrollment and renewal processes and procedures.
- 2.7 (d) The stakeholder group must include representatives from the Department of Human
- 2.8 Services Health Care Division, MNsure, the Arc Minnesota, Gillette Children's Specialty
- 2.9 Healthcare, the Autism Society of Minnesota, Proof Alliance, the Minnesota Consortium
- 2.10 for Citizens with Disabilities, and other interested stakeholders as identified by the
- 2.11 commissioner of human services.
- 2.12 (e) The stakeholder group shall submit a report of the group's recommended
- 2.13 improvements and any associated costs to the commissioner by December 31, 2020. The
- 2.14 group shall also provide copies of the report to each stakeholder group member. The
- 2.15 commissioner shall provide a copy of the report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction
- 2.16 over medical assistance.