

ARKANSAS TEFRA WAIVER
Project Number 11W-001636
Section 1115 Quarterly & Annual Report

Demonstration/Quarter Reporting Period:

Demonstration Year: 13th year (01/01/15 – 12/31/15)

Demonstration Year Quarter: 1st Quarter/2015 (1/01/15 – 12/31/15)

Federal Fiscal Quarter: 2nd Quarter/2015 (1/01/15 – 12/31/15)

I. Introduction

The goal of the TEFRA demonstration is to provide medical services to disabled children eligible for Medicaid under section 134 of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA). The demonstration helps approximately 3000 children who meet the requirements for institutionalization to remain in their homes. The TEFRA waiver was initially approved for a 5-year demonstration period (01/01/2003 – 12/31/2007). The demonstration has since been approved for two 3-year extension renewals, 01/01/2008 – 12/31/2010 and the current 3-year extension renewal 01/01/2011 – 12/31/2013. A 3-year renewal request (01/01/2014 – 12/31/2016) was submitted to CMS 06/28/13. A letter from CMS dated 10/21/2013 was received notifying the TEFRA demonstration waiver has been granted a temporary 1-year extension (01/01/2014 – 12/31/2014).

A renewal request for an additional three years (Jan. 1, 2014 – Dec. 31, 2016) was submitted to CMS in June 2013. Because of the quantity of work required of CMS staff to meet the Oct. 1, 2013 and the Jan. 1, 2014 implementation dates specified in the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act of 2010 for Medicaid expansion and to allow more time for decisions relative to the TEFRA demonstration, CMS granted the State a temporary extension through 12/31/2014 of the current TEFRA demonstration waiver renewal that was due to end Dec. 31, 2013. In December 2014 CMS notified the State that a one month (Jan. 1 – 31, 2015) extension had been approved to allow time to complete the review/approval process for the Jan. 1, 2014 – Dec. 31, 2016 renewal request. CMS has since granted four more one month extension (through May 31, 2015) to allow time to complete the review/approval process and for the TEFRA waiver renewal approval to make its way through the CMS Central Office Executive State for sign-off.

II. Enrollment Information for Quarter

A. Quarter Jan. – March 2015

Demonstration Populations (as hard coded in the Form CMS-64)	Total as of end of Current Quarter (1/1/15 – 3/31/15)	Voluntary Disenrollment in Current Quarter (1/1/15 – 3/31/15)	Involuntary Disenrolled in Current Quarter (1/1/15 – 3/31/15)
Population 1 – TEFRA Children	4006	39	177

- B. **ATTACHMENT A** reports the number of TEFRA beneficiaries enrolled with primary care physicians (PCPs) by PCP provider county for the quarter. This is an unduplicated count throughout the quarter
- C. **ATTACHMENT B** reports the number of TEFRA beneficiaries who accessed a Medicaid service at least once during the quarter and the total paid amounts for these beneficiaries

III. Outreach/Innovative Activities

A. Activities During Quarter (Jan. – March 2015)

Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC), a contract agent with the Division of Medical Services performing out-reach and monitoring activities

See **ATTACHMENT C** listing outreach activities performed by AFMC during the quarter

IV. Operational/Policy Development/Issues

A. Activities During Quarter (Jan. – March 2015)

No operational/policy development issues were reported for this quarter

V. Consumer Issues

A. Quarter (Jan. – March 2015)

During the **quarter (Jan. – March 2015)** the PCP hotline maintained by the Department of Health received 323 calls regarding the TEFRA waiver

Jan.: 132
Feb.: 92
March: 99

These were callers with questions about the program and regarding PCP changes. There were no major problems identified.

- B. See “Consumer Issues” (pgs. 4 - 6) in **ATTACHMENT C** from Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC), a contract agent with the Division of Medical Services, for information on consumer issues during the quarter (**Jan. – March 2015**)
- C. Appeal Requests/Fair Hearings

Quarter (Jan. – March 2015)

For the **Quarter Jan. - March**, 2015 there were 12 appeal requests received in the Office of Appeals and Hearings:

Medicaid/MRT/TEFRA 8 Appeals received

- 4 appeal requests found in favor of agency
- 4 appeal requests are still open and pending

Medicaid TEFRA 1 Appeal received

- 1 appeal request found in favor of agency

TEFRA 3 Appeals received

- 1 appeal request decided in favor of client
- 2 appeal requests found in favor of agency

VI. Quality Assurance/Monitoring Activities

Budget Neutrality Monitoring

A. See **ATTACHMENT D** that depicts the following:

1. TEFRA budget neutrality monitoring assessment total costs by demonstration year
2. Consumer directed budget neutrality monitoring assessment TEFRA beneficiaries' months by demonstration year
3. Consumer directed budget neutrality monitoring assessment per TEFRA beneficiary cost by demonstration year
4. Consumer directed budget neutrality monitoring assessment TEFRA cost savings by demonstration year

B. See **ATTACHMENT D** that depicts the monthly premium breakdown by premium class by demonstration years

VII. Budget Neutrality/Fiscal Issues

A. Financial issues including changes in appropriations, status of efforts to collect premiums, etc.

See **ATTACHMENT E** that depicts the monthly premium breakdown by premium class for the demonstration years. There have been no changes in the appropriation or funding status for this demonstration waiver during the quarter.

B. Anticipated fiscal problems or issues.

There were no anticipated fiscal problems to report for the quarter

C. Status of expenditures and obligations as they relate to the budget neutrality cap.

See **ATTACHMENT D** that depicts the budget neutrality cost savings by demonstration year for the TEFRA demonstration.

D. Utilization by county for the current quarter.

See **ATTACHMENT B**

VIII. Demonstration Evaluation

Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG), Inc., contracted with the Division of Medical Services, conducting the evaluation of the TEFRA demonstration waiver.

Quarter (Jan. – March 2015)

On the approval of the TEFRA waiver’s June 2015 – December 31, 2017 renewal, HSAG will begin work on the TEFRA waiver’s “draft” evaluation design

IX. Financial/Budget Neutrality Development/Issues

Quarter (Jan. – March 2015)

No financial/budget neutrality developments or issues were reported for this quarter

X. TEFRA Beneficiaries with Third Party Liability

The following were the number of TEFRA beneficiaries with Third Party Liability (TPL) during each month of the quarter

Jan.	<u>2,439</u>
Feb.	<u>2,373</u>
March	<u>2,343</u>

XI. Enclosures/Attachments

Attachment A: Number of TEFRA beneficiaries enrolled with primary care physicians (PCPs) by PCP provider county for the quarter

Attachment B: Number of TEFRA beneficiaries who accessed a Medicaid service at least once during the quarter and the total paid amounts for these beneficiaries

Attachments C: Lists the outreach activities performed by Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC) during the quarter

Attachment D: TEFRA budget neutrality monitoring assessment total costs by demonstration year

Consumer directed budget neutrality monitoring assessment TEFRA beneficiaries' months by demonstration year

Consumer directed budget neutrality monitoring assessment per TEFRA beneficiary cost by demonstration year

Consumer directed budget neutrality monitoring assessment TEFRA cost savings by demonstration year

Attachment E: Monthly premium breakdown by premium class for the demonstration years

Attachment F: No Attachment F for this quarter - On the approval of the TEFRA waiver's June 2015 – December 31, 2017 renewal, HSAG will begin work on the TEFRA waiver's "draft" evaluation design

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