

FAMIS Resource Guide

What is FAMIS?

FAMIS is Virginia's health insurance program for children. It makes health care affordable for children from eligible families. FAMIS covers all the medical care growing children need to avoid getting sick, plus the medical care that will help them if they do get sick or get hurt.

Who is eligible for FAMIS?

- **Children** that are US citizens (or qualified legal aliens*) and residents of Virginia under the age of 19,
- Currently uninsured and have not had it in the previous 4 months,
- Do not qualify for Virginia state employee health insurance, FAMIS Plus (Children's Medicaid)
- Live in a household that meets the income guidelines below

*Receiving FAMIS or FAMIS Plus will not affect a families' ability to obtain U.S. citizenship.

FAMIS Income Limit (Gross)** effective January 26, 2012		
# in Household	Monthly	Yearly
1	\$1,862	\$22,340
2	2,522	30,260
3	3,182	38,180
4	3,842	46,100
5	4,502	54,020
6	5,162	61,940
7	5,822	69,860
8	6,482	77,780
Each Additional Family Member	\$660	\$7,920

**based on income before taxes

unborn children are counted as additional family members

What services are covered by FAMIS?

Doctor visits, well-baby checkups, hospital visits, shots, prescriptions, X-rays, medical related tests, dental care, emergency treatment, mental health care, and eye care

How much will I have to pay?

There are **no** enrollment costs or monthly premiums for FAMIS. For some services, the family will have to pay a co-payment. Most co-payments are just \$2.00 or \$5.00. Some services, like regular check-ups, are free.

When does the four month waiting period apply?

If the child was covered by a health insurance plan any time in the four months before applying for FAMIS, the child may not qualify for FAMIS. A waiting period of four months from the month the health insurance stopped is required unless any one of the following is true:

- The parent or stepparent who had insurance for the child changed jobs or stopped working and no other parent's employer pays part of the cost for family health insurance.
- The employer providing the health insurance stopped paying part of the cost for family coverage and no other parent's employer pays part of the cost for family health insurance.
- The child's insurance was cancelled by an insurance company for a reason which is not related to unpaid or late payments. For example: The child has used up lifetime benefits. *A copy of the letter from the insurance company is required.*
- The child's insurance was dropped by a parent or stepparent who was paying the full insurance payment under a COBRA policy and no other parent's employer pays part of the cost for family health insurance.

- The child's insurance was dropped by a family member other than the parent or stepparent living in the home with the child. For example: A parent not living in the home with the child, a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or godmother paid for health insurance for the child and later dropped it.
- The child's insurance was dropped because the cost is more than 10% of the family's current gross monthly income or was more than 10% of the family's gross monthly income at the time the insurance was dropped. *Some additional documents are required.*
- The child's prior health insurance was through Medicaid, HIPP, FAMIS, or FAMIS Select.
- The prior health insurance did not have doctors in the area where the child lives.
- The child is pregnant at the time the family applied for FAMIS.

How do I apply for FAMIS?

You can apply online at www.famis.org, by phone at 1-866-87FAMIS (1-866-873-2647), or through the mail. You can also go to your local social services and fill out an application there.

After I return my application, how long does it take for a decision?

If your application has all documentation required, it will be processed within 12 days of receipt and a letter will be mailed to you the next business day.

How long will my FAMIS coverage last?

FAMIS provides twelve months of continuous coverage (beginning with the month the child was enrolled) UNLESS:

- Your family's gross monthly income goes over the income limit for your family size.
- The child moves out of Virginia
- You apply for FAMIS Plus and the child is found eligible for that program
- The child turns 19 during the enrollment period, or
- You request, in writing, that the FAMIS coverage be stopped

You will be required every year to renew your child's coverage.

How do I renew my child's coverage?

You can renew FAMIS coverage online, by phone, or through the mail with a renewal packet sent to you.

Will my child lose FAMIS if I move?

NO, however you **must** report any change in your address to the agency that is managing the case. Without a correct address, FAMIS will not be able to let you know when it is time to renew coverage and your child will be cancelled from the program.

What about dental services?

Dental services for children enrolled in FAMIS or FAMIS Plus are provided through the **Smiles For Children** program. The **Smiles For Children** program encourages good dental health and recommends regular check-ups with your child's dentist.

- There are no costs or co-payments for dental care services in the Smiles For Children program.
- You should only use dental providers enrolled in the Smiles For Children network. To find a dentist in your area, call **Smiles for Children** at 1-888-912-3456
- To access services, use your child's Commonwealth of Virginia (blue and white) plastic ID card or MCO member card each time you visit the dentist.

What is the difference between FAMIS and FAMIS Plus?

FAMIS Plus is Virginia's Medicaid coverage for children under age 19. The child does not have to be living with a parent or relative. To apply, call your local department of social services and ask for the Health Insurance for Children and Pregnant Women application form to be sent to you or the application can be downloaded from the internet:

<http://www.famis.org/materials.cfm?lang=English#FamisApp>. Applications may be mailed or faxed to the local department of social services. You may also apply by phone at 1-866-87FAMIS (1-866-873-2647).

Who is eligible for FAMIS Plus?

To be eligible for FAMIS Plus, a child must:

- be under age 19.
- be a resident of Virginia.
- be a United States citizen or lawful immigrant.
- have a Social Security number
- live in a household that meets the following income guidelines

FAMIS Plus Income Limit (Gross)** effective January 26, 2012		
# in Household	Monthly	Yearly
1	\$1,239	\$14,857
2	1,677	20,123
3	2,116	25,390
4	2,555	30,657
5	2,994	35,924
6	3,433	41,191
7	3,872	46,457
8	4,311	51,724
Each Additional Family Member	\$439	\$5,267

**based on income before taxes

I am a pregnant woman without insurance. Can FAMIS help me?

Yes, the FAMIS MOMS program provides health care coverage for pregnant women. FAMIS MOMS encourages pregnant women to get early and regular prenatal care to increase the likelihood for a healthy birth outcome.

Who is eligible for FAMIS MOMS?

Pregnant woman that are US citizens (qualified aliens) who are also residents of Virginia that are currently uninsured and do not have access to a state employee health plan, have a medically confirmed pregnancy or be within the sixty-day period after your pregnancy ends, and meet family the FAMIS income guidelines shown above.

Women not eligible for FAMIS MOMS, may be eligible for Medicaid for Pregnant Women or Emergency Services Medicaid.

What are the benefits of FAMIS MOMS?

FAMIS MOMS get comprehensive health care benefits during your pregnancy and for two months following the end of your pregnancy. FAMIS MOMS also has a special program for women with high risk pregnancies. Your health care services are provided through MCOs (managed care organizations) or fee-for-service, depending on where you live.

How much will it cost?

With FAMIS MOMS there are no enrollment fees or monthly premiums. Also there are no co-pays for pregnancy related services.

How do I apply for FAMIS MOMS?

You can apply online at www.famis.org, by phone at 1-866-87FAMIS (1-866-873-2647), or through the mail. You can also go to your local social services and fill out an application there.

What happens when my baby is born?

Once your baby is born, he or she is automatically eligible for health insurance for the first year of life. You must call 1-866-87FAMIS as soon as your baby is born to determine whether the baby will be covered under FAMIS or FAMIS Plus. The only information needed is the baby's name, date of birth, race and gender to get the infant enrolled immediately.

FAMIS Enrollment Locations

<p>Charles City Department of Social Services 10600 Courthouse Road Charles City, VA 23030-0098 Phone: (804) 652-1708</p>	<p>Chesapeake Department of Social Services 100 Outlaw St. Chesapeake, VA 23320 Phone: (757) 382-2000</p>
<p>Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Department of Social Services 9501 Lucy Corr Circle Chesterfield, VA 23832-0430 Phone: (804) 748-1100</p>	<p>Franklin City Department of Social Services 306 N. Main St Franklin, VA 23851 Phone: (757) 562-8520</p>
<p>Gloucester Department of Social Services 6641 Short Lane Gloucester, VA 23061-0186 Phone: (804) 693-2671</p>	<p>Hampton Department of Social Services 1320 LaSalle Ave. Hampton, VA 23669 Phone: (757) 727-1800</p>
<p>Isle of Wight Department of Social Services 17100 Monument Circle, Suite A Isle of Wight, VA 23397-0110 Phone: (757) 365-0880</p>	<p>Hopewell Department of Social Services 316 E. Cawson Street Hopewell, VA 23860 Phone: (804) 541-2330</p>
<p>James City County Department of Social Services 5249 Old Towne Road Williamsburg, VA 23188 Phone: (757) 259-3100</p>	<p>King and Queen Department of Social Services 241 Allen Circle King and Queen Courthouse, VA 23085 Phone: (804) 769-5003</p>
<p>King William Department of Social Services 172 Courthouse Lane King William, VA 23086-0187 Phone: (804) 769-4905</p>	<p>Mathews Department of Social Services 536 Church Street Mathews, VA 23109-0925 Phone: (804) 725-7192</p>
<p>New Kent Department of Social Services 12025 Courthouse Circle, Suite 100 New Kent, VA 23124 Phone: (804) 966-1853</p>	<p>Newport News Department of Human Services Rouse Tower, 6060 Jefferson Ave. Newport News, VA 23605 Phone: (757) 926-6300</p>
<p>Norfolk Department of Human Services Franklin Building, 741 Monticello Avenue Norfolk, VA 23510-1506 Phone: (757) 664-6000</p>	<p>Portsmouth Department of Social Services 1701 High St., Suite 101 Portsmouth, VA 23704 Phone: (757) 405-1800</p>
<p>Powhatan County Department of Social Services 3908 Old Buckingham Road, Suite 2 Powhatan, VA 23139-0099 Phone: (804) 598-5630</p>	<p>Richmond City Department of Social Services Marshall Plaza Building, 900 E. Marshall St. Richmond, VA 23240 Phone: (804) 646-7212</p>
<p>Southampton County Department of Social Services 26022 Administration Center Drive Courtland, VA 23837-0550 Phone: (757) 653-3080</p>	<p>Suffolk Department of Social Services 135 Hall Avenue, Suite B Suffolk, VA 23434 Phone: (757) 514-7450</p>
<p>Surry Department of Social Services 45 School Street Surry, VA 23883-0263 Phone: (757) 294-5240</p>	<p>Virginia Beach Department of Human Services 3432 Virginia Beach Blvd., Suite 342 Virginia Beach, VA 23452-4420 Phone: (757) 437-3200</p>
<p>Williamsburg Human Services 401 Lafayette St. Williamsburg, VA 23185 Phone: (757) 220-6161</p>	<p>York/Poquoson Social Services 301 Goodwin Neck Road Yorktown, VA 23692-0917 Phone: (757) 890-3787</p>

http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/bp/medical_assistance/intro_page/covered_groups/children_under_19/D032-03-0833-21-eng.pdf

<http://www.famis.org/famis.cfm?language=English>

<http://www.famis.org/materials/FAMISCoveredServices.pdf>

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