

# Virginia FAMIS

## What is FAMIS?

FAMIS is Virginia's health insurance program for children. It makes healthcare affordable for children of eligible families. FAMIS is available to those children who:

- ▣ Are under age 19
- ▣ Have not had medical insurance during the past 4 months
- ▣ Are not eligible for the Virginia state employee health insurance plan
- ▣ Are not eligible for FAMIS Plus (also known as Medicaid)
- ▣ Live with a family that meets the FAMIS income guidelines

Other children may be eligible; call FAMIS to find out more.

## How does it work?

FAMIS covers all medical care children need to avoid getting sick, and the medical care needed when children are sick or hurt. There are no enrollment costs or monthly payments for FAMIS. For some medical services, the family will have to pay a co-payment. Most co-payments are just \$2-\$5. Some services are free.

FAMIS eligibility is based on household income and family size. A “family” includes: children and/or stepchildren under age 19 who live in your home; mothers; fathers; and/or stepparents. Do not count a mother/father AND a stepparent. (For example, if you have 4 children and/or stepchildren under age 19 living in your home, plus yourself and your husband, your family size is 6.) Services covered by FAMIS include:

- ▣ Doctor visits
- ▣ Well-baby checkups
- ▣ Hospital visits
- ▣ Vaccinations
- ▣ Prescription medicine
- ▣ Tests and X-rays
- ▣ Dental care
- ▣ Emergency care
- ▣ Vision care
- ▣ Mental healthcare

## Immigration Status

To receive FAMIS you must be a US citizen or qualified alien.

### Income Limits (Effective January 2009)

People in Household	Yearly Income	Monthly Income
1	\$21,660	\$1,805
2	29,140	2,429
3	36,620	3,052
4	44,100	3,675
5	51,580	4,299
6	59,060	4,922
7	66,540	5,545
8	74,020	6,169
Each additional person	+7,480	+624

Adapted from: *Who is Eligible for FAMIS?* Commonwealth of Virginia. 22 June 2010  
<http://www.famis.org/eligibility.cfm?lang=English>

### How does one apply?

- Start the application process over the phone.  
You can start your application over the phone by calling FAMIS at 1 (866) 873-2647. The FAMIS representative will ask questions about where you live, who is applying for health insurance, the household make-up, and your family's income. The next business day a pre-filled application will be mailed to you. You will then need to review the application to make sure it is correct, and complete any missing information.
- Print out and complete the [FAMIS application](#) found on the FAMIS website.

Mail or fax completed applications to:

#### FAMIS

P.O. Box 1820  
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### Contact Information

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