Signing up is easy!

To apply by phone, call toll free 1-855-242-8282 between 8 AM and 7 PM Monday through Friday, or 9 AM to noon on Saturday (TTY for deaf or hearing impaired: 1-888-221-1590). Interpreters are available.

To apply online, visit coverva.org. You can also apply at your local Department of Social Services.

When applying, we’ll try to verify your household income electronically. If we’re unsuccessful, we’ll ask for proof of income (paycheck stubs or a letter from your employer).

You can also apply for FAMIS if you are caring for a grandchild or relative’s child.

There are also premium assistance programs called FAMIS Select and HIPP for Kids

If your children are enrolled in FAMIS, the FAMIS Select program lets you choose between FAMIS and an employer’s health plan. FAMIS Select gives parents who choose employer health insurance $100 per child, per month, to help pay the child’s portion of the premium. But you must first apply for and be enrolled in FAMIS.

The Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) For Kids Program is a premium assistance program for FAMIS Plus (children’s Medicaid) enrolled children under the age of 19. For children who are eligible for or enrolled in qualified employer-sponsored coverage and are also eligible for FAMIS Plus, HIPP may help pay for some or all of the cost of the health insurance premium.

For more information on these premium assistance programs, go to coverva.org.

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FAMIS is Virginia’s health insurance program for uninsured children. FAMIS Plus is Virginia’s name for children’s Medicaid. Both provide quality health care for children. If your children qualify, they will be enrolled in either FAMIS or FAMIS Plus based on your household size and income.

FAMIS and FAMIS Plus cover the regular care children need to keep them healthy, plus the services that will help them get better fast if they get hurt or sick. And best of all, you can choose your child’s health plan and doctors.

FAMIS keeps your personal information private—we just want to help you keep your children healthy. Your information will NOT be shared with the immigration department, and enrollment in these programs will not affect your immigration status.

Coverage includes:

- Annual well checkups for babies, kids, and teens
- Prescription drugs
- Doctor visits
- Shots
- Dental care
- Vision care and glasses
- Mental health care
- Tests and X-rays
- Hospital stays
- ER care
- And more…

In addition, for children enrolled in FAMIS Plus:

- Transportation to medical appointments
- Specialized treatments and services for children with special health care needs

It’s quality low cost health insurance for your children

There are no enrollment costs or monthly premiums for FAMIS or FAMIS Plus. With FAMIS, there is a small co-payment of just $2 or $5 when your child gets certain medical services. You will not be asked to pay more than $25 for any FAMIS covered service your child may need. And no matter how many times your child sees the doctor, you will never pay more than $350 in co-pays a year for your children. Some services, such as annual well check-ups and dental services, do not require a co-payment at all.

With FAMIS Plus, there are never any co-payments for any health service your child receives.

Note: Native Americans and Alaskan Natives do NOT have any co-payments for any services.

Check to see if your children qualify

To be eligible for FAMIS or FAMIS Plus, your child must:

- Live in Virginia
- Be under the age of 19
- Be a U.S. citizen or a lawfully residing immigrant (a parent’s immigration status is not considered)
- Have a family income (before taxes and deductions) within the FAMIS limit (see chart)

For FAMIS only:

- Children must also be uninsured at the time you apply

FAMIS Programs Income Limits* (Gross Income)

Qualifying for FAMIS programs also depends on household income and family size. For your family size, count the number of people included on your federal taxes. If you don’t file taxes, count how many children and stepchildren under age 19 live in your home. Add yourself if you are the mother, father or stepparent of the children. Then add your husband or wife. For example, if you have 2 children and/or stepchildren under age 19 living in your home, plus yourself and your husband, your family size is 4. We determine eligibility based on monthly income before taxes and deductions. The current monthly income limit for a family size of 4 is $4,152.

Visit coverva.org for an easy-to-use calculator.


Gross income is your income before taxes and deductions.