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 commonhelp.virginia.gov. 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

Visit coverva.org for an easy-to-use screening tool.