



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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TO: Directors, Supervisors, and Contact Persons Addressed

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*Catherine Digilio Grimes*

DATE: August 1, 2010

SUBJECT: School Nutrition Programs Support for Expanding Enrollment in the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) - Back-to- School flyers

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) are pleased to partner to announce the 2010 *Back-to-School* initiative aimed at increasing the enrollment of children in the Virginia children's health insurance program called Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS). Across Virginia, there are an estimated 130,000 uninsured children who are eligible for FAMIS or FAMIS Plus (children's Medicaid).

DMAS and VDOE are committed to providing support to your school division as we work together to keep our children healthy. DMAS is providing school divisions with FAMIS inserts to include in letters sent to households determined eligible for free or reduced price meals for the 2010-2011 school year.

We appreciate your help in distributing these FAMIS mailing inserts. Most students who are eligible to receive free or reduced price meals are also eligible for FAMIS or FAMIS Plus. If you are not the person responsible for preparing eligibility approval notices, please forward the inserts and this cover letter to the individual who will be handling the process for your school division.

#### Action Items:

- Distribute FAMIS inserts with notification letters to households eligible to receive free or reduced price meals.
- Continue to distribute throughout the school year to newly enrolled eligible students and, to students eligible for the USDA Summer Food Service Program.

Thank you for your participation in the 2010 *Back-to-School* initiative. Working together we can expand enrollment and get all children the health insurance they need through enrollment in FAMIS.

For additional information about the FAMIS flyers, contact Beth Valdrighi, FAMIS Marketing and Outreach Liaison, at (804) 371-5053 or [beth.valdrighi@dmas.virginia.gov](mailto:beth.valdrighi@dmas.virginia.gov). To learn more about the program or to order FAMIS materials, go to [www.famis.org](http://www.famis.org).

For further information or assistance, please contact the school nutrition specialist assigned to your division, the SNP associate director, or me at (804) 225-2074.

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Attachment



**FAMIS**

Covering Children With  
Affordable Health Insurance

# Does Your Child Have Health Insurance?

## Healthy Kids Make Great Students!

### **FAMIS Covers:**

Doctor Visits  
Well-child Checkups  
Shots  
Prescription Drugs  
Dental and Vision Care  
Eyeglasses  
Hospital Stays & ER Care  
Mental Health Care  
Tests & X-rays  
And more...

- If your children are uninsured, FAMIS may be able to help
- Applying for FAMIS is quick and easy
- No enrollment fees or premiums

A family of four  
can make as much  
as \$44,100 a year  
and STILL qualify!

Apply online at [www.famis.org](http://www.famis.org)

OR

Call FAMIS toll-free at 1-866-87FAMIS (1-866-873-2647)

OR

Contact your local Department of Social Services

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Remember, if you enrolled in FAMIS last year, it may be time to renew. FAMIS must be renewed every 12 months.



**FAMIS**

Asistencia médica infantil  
a un precio razonable

# ¿Su Hijo Tiene Seguro Médico? ¡Niños Saludables-Buenos Estudiantes!

## Servicios que cubre FAMIS:

Consultas médicas  
Chequeos de rutina  
Vacunas  
Recetas médicas  
Atención dental y de la vista  
Lentes  
Atención en el hospital y  
de emergencia  
Análisis y radiografías  
Atención de salud mental  
Y mucho más...

- Si sus niños no tienen cobertura médica, FAMIS podría ayudarle
- Solicitar FAMIS es rápido y sencillo
- No se debe pagar ninguna cuota o prima para FAMIS

El ingreso al año de una familia de cuatro miembros puede ser de hasta \$44,100 y aún así los niños pueden ser elegibles para FAMIS.

Puede presentar su solicitud a través del Internet en [www.famis.org](http://www.famis.org)

Llame totalmente gratis a FAMIS al 1-866-873-2647

Visite el Departamento de Servicios Sociales de su área

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No olvide que si su hijo fue inscrito en FAMIS el año pasado, puede que ya sea tiempo de renovar. La cobertura de FAMIS debe de renovarse cada 12 meses.