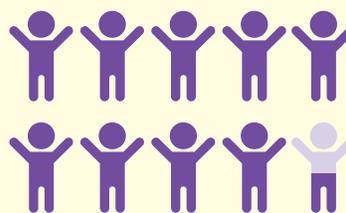


# Health insurance leads to better long-term outcomes for kids

Success is largely a result of public health insurance programs like Medicaid and FAMIS

## VIRGINIA IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK WHEN IT COMES TO PROVIDING INSURANCE FOR OUR CHILDREN

The rate of uninsured children in Virginia is at record lows, reaching 5% in 2015.



**95%**

OF KIDS IN VIRGINIA ARE INSURED

**720,000**

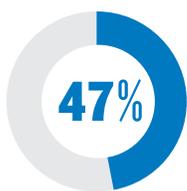
OF WHICH ARE COVERED BY MEDICAID & FAMIS (Virginia's Children's Health Insurance Program)

## RESEARCH SHOWS THAT INVESTING IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PAYS LONG-TERM DIVIDENDS



## IF MEDICAID AND FAMIS PROGRAMS ARE CUT, SOME POPULATIONS OF KIDS WOULD BE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED

IN VIRGINIA



OF BLACK CHILDREN



OF HISPANIC CHILDREN

RELY ON MEDICAID OR FAMIS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE

## VIRGINIA'S CONTINUED SUCCESS RELIES ON MAINTAINING CURRENT ELIGIBILITY LEVELS (200% FPL) AND DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE HEALTH COVERAGE



Vision



Wellness visit



Dental



Sick visit



Mental

\* All sources available at [vakids.org/elections](http://vakids.org/elections)



## Questions for Candidates

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- 1 Virginia's Children's Health Insurance Program (known as FAMIS in Virginia) and Medicaid provide low-income children with health insurance that their families would otherwise be unable to afford. **If the federal government cuts payments to the states for Medicaid and/or FAMIS, how would you support the health needs of low-income children?**
- 2 Medicaid is a critical funding source for children served in hospitals and schools. If the federal government reduces Medicaid payments to the states through a block grant or per capita cap, **how would you ensure stable funding for hospitals and schools that currently provide health care for low-income children through Medicaid reimbursements?**
- 3 Research shows that when parents have health insurance, their kids are more likely to have health coverage and use it. Many adults in Virginia, including parents, lack health insurance. **What, if anything, should Virginia do about the high number of uninsured parents?**
- 4 All children in foster care rely on Medicaid for their health coverage, 1 in 3 births are covered by Medicaid, and more than 50% of all Medicaid recipients are children. If the federal government cuts Medicaid payments to the states, children and pregnant women will be potentially competing for Medicaid coverage with the elderly and those with disabilities. **How would you handle this funding challenge for Virginia?**
- 5 While Virginia has achieved a 95% health insurance coverage rate for children, 97,000 eligible children remain uninsured. Over half of those uninsured are children of color. **How would you address the health care needs of these uninsured children?**
- 6 Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women and children improves health throughout their lives, from prenatal development through adolescence to adulthood. **What changes, if any, would you make to Virginia's Medicaid and FAMIS eligibility criteria for children and pregnant women?**
- 7 Virginia Medicaid offers a comprehensive dental benefit to children and pregnant women. This is important because dental disease is the most common chronic disease in kids, more common than asthma. Also, poor oral health in pregnant women is tied to premature birth and poor birth outcomes. **If the federal government changes the funding for Medicaid, what will you do to address the dental care needs of children and pregnant women?**

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