

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

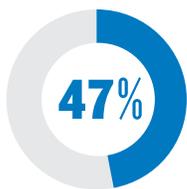
720,000 OF WHICH ARE COVERED BY
MEDICAID & FAMIS (Virginia's
Children's Health Insurance Program)

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/kids-count-data/virginia-data

Health Care Priorities

Support health care reform initiatives that will increase access to health insurance for Virginia children and their parents

We will continue to advocate as part of the Healthcare for All Virginians (HAV) Coalition for Virginia to draw down federal dollars to expand health insurance coverage to adults with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty line. This action could provide health insurance coverage to approximately 400,000 low-income adults, many of whom are working parents. Expanding Medicaid will allow Virginia to save state dollars that should be reinvested in efforts to improve the delivery of mental health and substance-use disorder services.

Call to Action

- ✓ **Preserve the budget language allowing Virginia to seek federal authority, specifically through a state plan amendment, to build upon the success of our Medicaid program and to ensure that more Virginia families have access to the health coverage they vitally need.**

Enhance services to substance-affected newborns and their mothers

Over 1,500 newborns were referred to Child Protective Services for substance exposure in FY17, a 16 percent increase over FY16. Pregnant women and mothers facing addiction struggle to balance receiving appropriate recovery services while maintaining bonds with their families and attachment to their infants. Voices supports stronger systems of care to support pregnant and parenting women with substance abuse issues, including easier access to treatment and home-visiting services and the extension of health insurance for new mothers beyond 60 days postpartum. These topics require further exploration to ensure mothers receive treatment and children are safe and able to maintain strong bonds with their families.