

## Virginia’s Medicaid and FAMIS health insurance programs cover legal immigrants who:

- are children (age 18 or younger) or pregnant women;
- legally reside in the United States;
- are residents of Virginia;
- meet income eligibility limits for Medicaid / FAMIS; and
- meet other non-financial requirements

## Which immigrants “legally reside” in the United States?

- Immigrants will usually have official government documents showing they are legally present in the U.S.
- These documents include “green cards” for Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs), a valid visa for students and workers, and many other government documents.



## Which immigrants are Virginia “residents”?

- A resident is someone who lives in Virginia and intends to remain here permanently or for an indefinite period of time.
- An adult is also a resident if s/he came to Virginia with a job or seeking employment.
- A child usually has the same state residence as the parent s/he lives with.
- If an immigrant has a time-limited student or work Visa, s/he can sign a statement about intent to remain in Virginia permanently or indefinitely.

## When can an immigrant apply for the health coverage?

- Pregnant women and children can apply before or after they receive medical care.
- The woman must provide proof of her pregnancy.

## What are the Income Eligibility Limits?

The income limit is 200% of the federal poverty line (FPL).<sup>\*</sup> For example, in 2012:

Family Size	Monthly	Yearly
1	\$1,915	\$22,980
2	\$2,585	\$31,020
3	\$3,255	\$39,060
4	\$3,925	\$47,100

<sup>\*</sup>Also consider:

- Higher limits apply to larger families.
- A pregnant woman counts as at least 2 people in the family.
- Certain income deductions may apply. Children and pregnant women with more income may qualify for Medicaid if they have very high medical expenses, through the Medicaid “spend-down” program.

## Are there other requirements?

Yes. Medicaid and FAMIS have some different rules. For example, FAMIS is only for people who do not have any other health insurance and do not have access to state-employee health insurance.

## What medical services are covered?

### Children

- Doctor visits, check-ups, shots
- Hospital care
- Prescriptions
- Tests and x-rays
- Vision and dental care
- Mental health care
- And more . . .

### Pregnant Women (+ 60 days after the pregnancy)

- Doctor visits (and prenatal care)
- Hospital care (and labor and delivery)
- Prescriptions
- Tests and x-rays
- Services for high-risk pregnancies
- And more . . .

## How do immigrants apply?

**Phone:** 866-87FAMIS (1-866-873-2647)  
(toll-free)(translation & interpreters available)

**Online:** [www.famis.org](http://www.famis.org)

**Visit:** Local Dept. of Social Services  
([www.dss.virginia.gov/localagency/](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/localagency/))

## Reminder:

All immigrants (with or without immigration documents) who meet Medicaid eligibility requirements can qualify for coverage of emergency medical services.

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*This fact sheet contains basic eligibility information and does not include all details.*

## New Healthcare Coverage for Children and Pregnant Women Who Are Legal Immigrants



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