



Update on FAMIS & FAMIS Plus

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(CHIPAC)

JCHC Long Term Care / Medicaid Reform Subcommittee
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CHIPAC

- Created in 2004
- Charge: "to assess the policies, operations and outreach efforts for *FAMIS and FAMIS Plus*, and evaluate enrollment, utilization of services and health outcomes of children eligible for such programs..."

Code of Virginia §32.1-351.2



CHIPAC Membership

- Committee membership is limited to 20 and shall include:
 - Joint Commission on Health Care
 - Department of Social Services
 - Department of Health
 - Department of Education
 - Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services
 - Virginia Health Care Foundation
 - Provider associations, advocacy groups, other individuals with significant knowledge and interest in children's health insurance.

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Enrollment of Children August 1, 2008

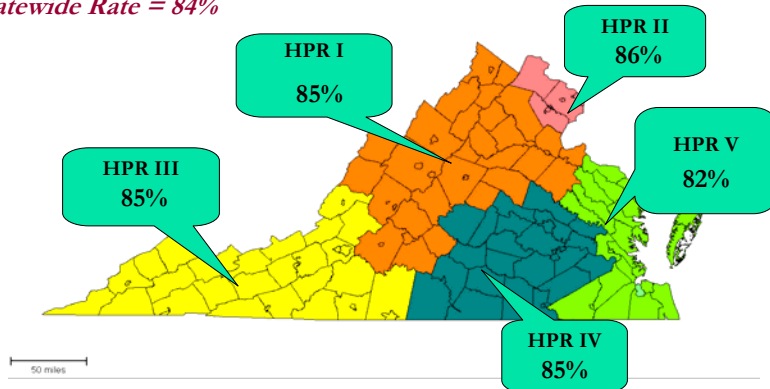
- FAMIS: 54,824
- FAMIS Plus Expansion: 36,582
- FAMIS Plus: 356,380

- **TOTAL: 447,786 children covered**
1/4 Virginia Children

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Enrollment Penetration: Are we covering all eligible children?

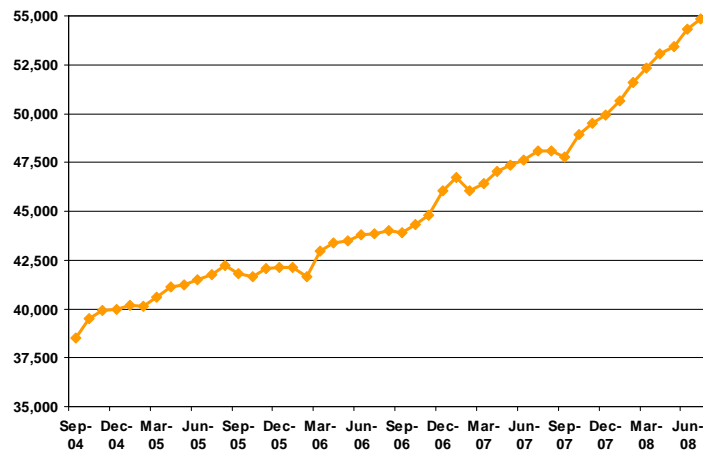
Statewide Rate = 84%



*Estimated penetration rates are based on Virginia's current enrollment (April 2008) number compared to the number of children enrolled November 2007 combined the estimated number of uninsured eligible children.

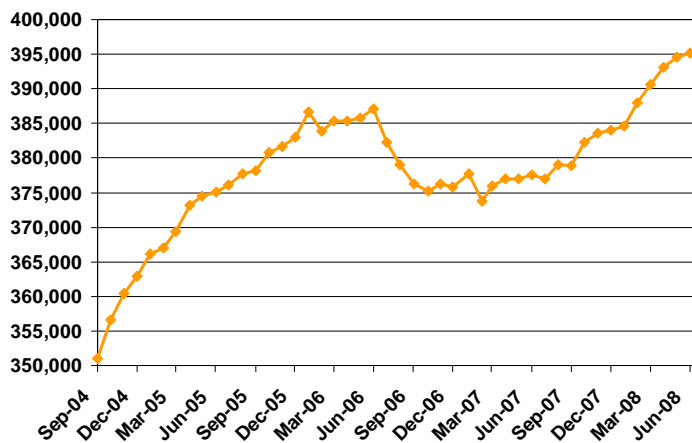
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Monthly Net Enrollment of Children in FAMIS (Separate SCHIP) 2004-2008



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Monthly Net Enrollment of Children in FAMIS Plus (Medicaid) 2004-2008



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New eligibility requirements imposed July 1, 2006

- Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
- Signed February 2006
- Requires **original documentation** of citizenship and identity for anyone applying for Medicaid (FAMIS Plus) or renewing for the first time

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New Eligibility Requirements: Unintended Consequences

- A significant decrease in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid in Virginia;
- 4-6 month delays in obtaining Medicaid coverage for Virginia children;
- Inability of citizen children to obtain medical care; and
- A dramatic increase in emergency room utilization by those caught up in lengthy eligibility determinations

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Eligibility Requirements: Mitigating the Effect

In September, 2006, Governor Kaine authorized DMAS and DSS to take several steps to reduce the impact of the regulations. These included:

- **Extending the timeframe for processing applications to give Medicaid applicants "reasonable opportunity" to provide documentation (30 calendar-day extension and an additional 10 working days if information has been requested but not received);**
- **Coordinating with the Virginia Department of Health Bureau of Vital Records (BVR) to certify copies of Virginia birth certificates for local DSS offices at no cost to applicants;**
- **Deputizing selected outreach organizations to certify that they viewed applicants' original documents.**

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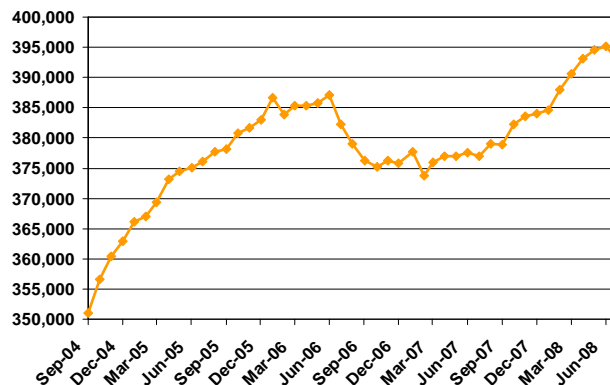
Eligibility Requirements: Mitigating the Effect

- Revising policy to allow local DSS offices and CPU to accept *copies* of Virginia birth records and immediately enroll eligible individuals pending certification of the birth record by BVR;
- Revising the child health insurance application form to include an affidavit of identity (*Federal law specifies that parents may attest to the identity of children younger than 16*); and
- Agreeing to pay the required fees for obtaining out-of-state birth certificates, and implementing a process for DSS to receive requests from local offices and submit them to appropriate offices in other states (*implemented February 2007*).

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Where We Are Now

Monthly Net Enrollment of Children in
FAMIS Plus (Medicaid) 2004-2008



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SCHIP Reauthorization

- SCHIP enacted in 1997
 - Title XXI of SSA
 - Broad support
 - Covered 6 million children in 2006

- CHIPRA 2007 (HR976 / HR3963)
 - Bipartisan support
 - Vetoed by President Bush

- SCHIP Extension (S2499)
 - Maintains current funding levels
 - Current law: No federal funds for SCHIP available after 3/31/09
 - With no change, Virginia will need \$66.4 million in STATE funds to finish FFY2009.



More Work to Be Done

- Enrollment / Retention

- Access / Utilization

- Quality

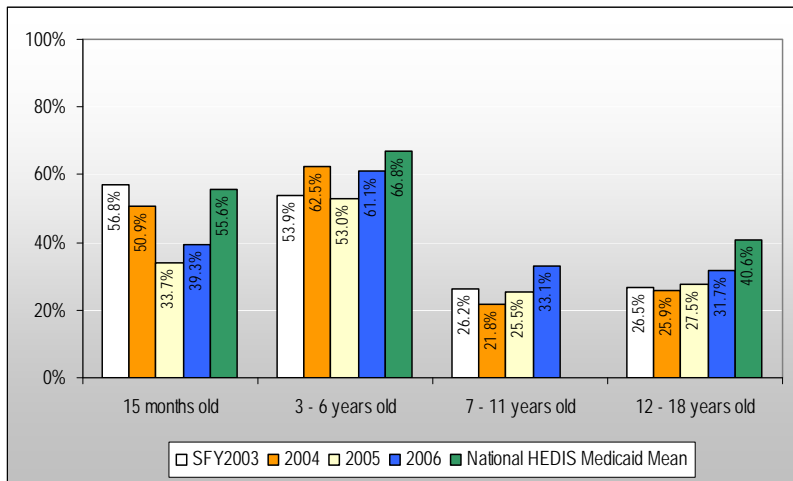


Making More Kids FAMIS

Based on current estimates, there remain more than 120,000 uninsured Virginia children eligible for FAMIS / FAMIS Plus.



FAMIS Well-Child Care Visits Rates (SFY2003 and Calendar Years 2004 – 2006)





Dental Utilization

- CMS 416 – This table shows the rate of FAMIS & FAMIS Plus children receiving any dental service.



FFY	FAMIS (SCHIP & Medicaid Expansion)	FAMIS Plus (Medicaid)	National Mean (Medicaid)
2005	33.8	41.4	33.0
2006	36.2	43.4	33.0

Source: CMS 416

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Making More Kids FAMIS: Possibilities

- Enroll all eligible children
 - RWJF Grant Opportunity
- Increase utilization
 - Well-child checks
 - Immunization rates
 - Dental
- Maintain and continuously improve quality
- Expand eligibility to 250% FPL

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Questions?

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