

It's Time to Cover ALL Kids in Virginia

Expand access to comprehensive and affordable children's health coverage by supporting HB970 (Del. Tran) & SB231 (Sen. Hashmi)!

Many Virginia children are without health coverage.

Every child should have every opportunity for a healthy start, including comprehensive health coverage. In Virginia, there are stark inequities in health coverage depending on a child's immigration status.

- Roughly 88,500 (4.5%) children in Virginia do not have health coverage.
- Virginia ranks 25th in the nation for the percentage of children who do not have health insurance and 11th highest in total number of uninsured children.
- Virginia children who are U.S. citizens have an uninsured rate of 3.8%.
- Virginia children with undocumented status are estimated to have an uninsured rate of 48%.
- In Virginia, 9,000 undocumented children from families with low income (< 205% FPL) are uninsured, with another 4,000 likely underinsured.

Expand health coverage eligibility to ALL children.

HB970 (Del. Tran) and SB231 (Sen. Hashmi) would establish a health coverage program in Virginia available to children from low-income families regardless of immigration status.

- This program would create a new health coverage option for 1 in 10 (10.2%) currently uninsured kids.
- The program mirrors Virginia Medicaid/FAMIS enrollment, eligibility processes, and income eligibility levels, currently at 205% FPL (\$52,931 for a family of three in 2024).
- Bills include language access, privacy protections, and a robust outreach and enrollment plan.
- Benefits would be the same as Medicaid/FAMIS, including behavioral health, dental, and preventative care services.
- Eleven states and Washington, DC, currently use state-only funds to cover low-income children in health coverage programs regardless of immigration status. Utah became the most recent state to pass similar legislation and will create a program in 2024.

Invest in a healthier Virginia.

State lawmakers should take action this legislative session and invest \$19.3 million over the next two fiscal years to ensure 13,000 children don't have to spend another year without health coverage. HB970 (Del. Tran) and SB231 (Sen. Hashmi) offer an opportunity to address children's health coverage disparities and prove that Virginia invests in EVERY child's future.