

It's Time to Cover ALL Kids in Virginia

Expand access to comprehensive and affordable children's health coverage by supporting Budget Amendments 289 #2h (Del. Tran) & 289 #1s (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 91,500 (4.6%) children in Virginia do not have health coverage.
- Virginia ranks 26th 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 3.9%.
- 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.

Budget amendments 289 #2h (Del. Tran) & 289 #1s (Sen. Hashmi) would establish a health coverage program in Virginia that would cover children from low-income families regardless of their immigration status.

- This program would create a new health coverage option for almost 1 in 10 (10%) currently uninsured kids.
- The program mirrors Virginia Medicaid/FAMIS enrollment, eligibility processes, and income eligibility levels, currently at 205% FPL (\$54,633 for a family of three in 2025).
- Budget amendments 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.
- Twelve states and Washington, DC, currently use state-only funds to cover low-income children in health coverage programs regardless of immigration status.

Invest in a healthier Virginia.

State lawmakers should take action and invest \$19.3 million over the next two fiscal years to ensure 13,000 children don't have to spend another year without access to health coverage. Budget amendments 289 #2h (Del. Tran) & 289 #1s (Sen. Hashmi) offer an opportunity to address children's health coverage disparities and prove that Virginia invests in EVERY child's future.