SNP Memo #10-11-03

TO: Directors, Supervisors, and Contact Persons Addressed

FROM: Catherine Digilio Grimes, MS, RD, LDN, SNS
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DATE: August 1, 2010

SUBJECT: School Nutrition Programs Support for Expanding Enrollment in the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) - Back- to- School flyers

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) are pleased to partner to announce the 2010 Back-to-School initiative aimed at increasing the enrollment of children in the Virginia children’s health insurance program called Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS). Across Virginia, there are an estimated 130,000 uninsured children who are eligible for FAMIS or FAMIS Plus (children’s Medicaid).

DMAS and VDOE are committed to providing support to your school division as we work together to keep our children healthy. DMAS is providing school divisions with FAMIS inserts to include in letters sent to households determined eligible for free or reduced price meals for the 2010-2011 school year.

We appreciate your help in distributing these FAMIS mailing inserts. Most students who are eligible to receive free or reduced price meals are also eligible for FAMIS or FAMIS Plus. If you are not the person responsible for preparing eligibility approval notices, please forward the inserts and this cover letter to the individual who will be handling the process for your school division.

**Action Items:**
- Distribute FAMIS inserts with notification letters to households eligible to receive free or reduced price meals.
- Continue to distribute throughout the school year to newly enrolled eligible students and, to students eligible for the USDA Summer Food Service Program.

Thank you for your participation in the 2010 Back-to-School initiative. Working together we can expand enrollment and get all children the health insurance they need through enrollment in FAMIS.

For additional information about the FAMIS flyers, contact Beth Valdrighi, FAMIS Marketing and Outreach Liaison, at (804) 371-5053 or beth.valdrighi@dmas.virginia.gov. To learn more about the program or to order FAMIS materials, go to www.famis.org.

For further information or assistance, please contact the school nutrition specialist assigned to your division, the SNP associate director, or me at (804) 225-2074.

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Attachment
Does Your Child Have Health Insurance?
Healthy Kids Make Great Students!

- If your children are uninsured, FAMIS may be able to help
- Applying for FAMIS is quick and easy
- No enrollment fees or premiums

Apply online at www.famis.org
OR
Call FAMIS toll-free at 1-866-87FAMIS (1-866-873-2647)
OR
Contact your local Department of Social Services

Remember, if you enrolled in FAMIS last year, it may be time to renew. FAMIS must be renewed every 12 months.

FAMIS Covers:
- Doctor Visits
- Well-child Checkups
- Shots
- Prescription Drugs
- Dental and Vision Care
- Eyeglasses
- Hospital Stays & ER Care
- Mental Health Care
- Tests & X-rays
- And more...

A family of four can make as much as $44,100 a year and STILL qualify!

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¿Su Hijo Tiene Seguro Médico?
¡Niños Saludables-Buenos Estudiantes!

- Si sus niños no tienen cobertura médica, FAMIS podría ayudarle
- Solicitar FAMIS es rápido y sencillo
- No se debe pagar ninguna cuota o prima para FAMIS

Puede presentar su solicitud a través del Internet en www.famis.org
Llame totalmente gratis a FAMIS al 1-866-873-2647
Visite el Departamento de Servicios Sociales de su área

No olvide que si su hijo fue inscrito en FAMIS el año pasado, puede que ya sea tiempo de renovar. La cobertura de FAMIS debe de renovarse cada 12 meses.