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A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-351 of the Code of Virginia, relating to children's health insurance.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-351 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-351. Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan established.

A. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall amend the Virginia Children's Medical Security Insurance Plan to be renamed the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Plan. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall provide coverage under the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan for individuals, up to the age of nineteen, when such individuals (i) have family incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level or were enrolled on the date of federal approval of Virginia's FAMIS Plan in the Children's Medical Security Insurance Plan (CMSIP); such individuals shall continue to be enrolled in FAMIS for so long as they continue to meet the eligibility requirements of CMSIP; (ii) are not eligible for medical assistance services pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, as amended; (iii) are not covered under a group health plan or under health insurance coverage, as defined in § 2791 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-91(a) and (b) (1)); (iv) have been without health insurance for at least ~~six~~ three months or meet the exceptions as set forth in the Virginia Plan for Title XXI of the Social Security Act, as amended; *however, an exception to the waiting period shall apply where the individual can document that the cost of his previous health insurance exceeded ten percent of the family's countable monthly income*; and (v) meet both the requirements of Title XXI of the Social Security Act, as amended, and the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan.

B. Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan participants whose incomes are above 150 percent of the federal poverty level shall participate in cost-sharing to the extent allowed under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, as amended, and as set forth in the Virginia Plan for Title XXI of the Social Security Act. The annual aggregate cost-sharing for all eligible children in a family at or above 150 percent of the federal poverty level shall not exceed five percent of the family's gross income or as allowed by federal law and regulations. Cost-sharing for all eligible children in a family between 100 percent and 150 percent of federal poverty level shall be limited to nominal copayments and the annual aggregate cost-sharing shall not exceed 2.5 percent of the family's gross income. Cost-sharing shall not be required for well-child and preventive services including age-appropriate child immunizations.

C. The Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan shall provide comprehensive health care benefits to program participants, including well-child and preventive services, to the extent required to comply with federal requirements of Title XXI of the Social Security Act. These benefits shall include comprehensive medical, dental, vision, mental health, and substance abuse services, and physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and skilled nursing services for special education students.

D. The Virginia Plan for Title XXI of the Social Security Act shall include a provision that participants in the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan who have access to employer-sponsored health insurance coverage, as defined in § 32.1-351.1, may, but shall not be required to, enroll in an employer's health plan, and the Department of Medical Assistance Services or its designee shall make premium payments to such employer's plan on behalf of eligible participants if the Department of Medical Assistance Services or its designee determines that such enrollment is cost-effective, as defined in § 32.1-351.1. The Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan shall provide for benefits not included in the employer-sponsored health insurance benefit plan through supplemental insurance equivalent to the comprehensive health care benefits provided in subsection C.

E. The Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan shall ensure that coverage under this program does not substitute for private health insurance coverage.

F. The health care benefits provided under the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan shall be through existing Department of Medical Assistance Services' contracts with health maintenance organizations and other providers, or through new contracts with health maintenance organizations, health insurance plans, other similarly licensed entities, or other entities as deemed appropriate by the

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59 Department of Medical Assistance Services, or through employer-sponsored health insurance.

60 G. The Department of Medical Assistance Services may establish a centralized processing site for the
61 administration of the program to include responding to inquiries, distributing applications and program
62 information, and receiving and processing applications. The Department of Medical Assistance Services
63 may contract with third-party administrators to provide any additional administrative services. Duties of
64 the third-party administrators may include, but shall not be limited to, enrollment, outreach, eligibility
65 determination, data collection, premium payment and collection, financial oversight and reporting, and
66 such other services necessary for the administration of the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security
67 Plan. Any centralized processing site shall determine a child's eligibility for either Title XIX or Title
68 XXI and shall enroll eligible children in Title XIX or Title XXI. In the event that an application is
69 denied, the applicant shall be notified of any services available in his locality that can be accessed by
70 contacting the local department of social services.

71 H. (Effective until July 1, 2003) The Virginia Plan for Title XXI of the Social Security Act, as
72 amended, shall include a provision that, in addition to any centralized processing site, local social
73 services agencies shall provide and accept applications for the Family Access to Medical Insurance
74 Security Plan and shall assist families in the completion of applications. Contracting health plans,
75 providers, and others may also provide applications for the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security
76 Plan and may assist families in completion of the applications.

77 The plan shall also include a provision to request the custodial parent's cooperation with the
78 Commonwealth in securing medical and child support payments. However, such cooperation shall not be
79 a condition of eligibility.

80 H. (Effective July 1, 2003) The Virginia Plan for Title XXI of the Social Security Act, as amended,
81 shall include a provision that, in addition to any centralized processing site, local social services
82 agencies shall provide and accept applications for the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan
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84 may also provide applications for the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan and may assist
85 families in completion of the applications.

86 I. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall develop and submit to the federal Secretary
87 of Health and Human Services an amended Title XXI plan for the Family Access to Medical Insurance
88 Security Plan and may revise such plan as may be necessary. Such plan and any subsequent revisions
89 shall comply with the requirements of federal law, this chapter, and any conditions set forth in the
90 appropriation act. In addition, the plan shall provide for coordinated implementation of publicity,
91 enrollment, and service delivery with existing local programs throughout the Commonwealth that
92 provide health care services, educational services, and case management services to children. In
93 developing and revising the plan, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall advise and
94 consult with the Joint Commission on Health Care and shall provide quarterly reports on enrollment,
95 policies affecting enrollment, such as the exceptions that apply to the six months' prior coverage
96 limitation referenced in subsection A of this section, benefit levels, outreach efforts, including efforts to
97 enroll uninsured children of former Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients, and
98 other topics.

99 J. Funding for the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan shall be provided through state
100 and federal appropriations and shall include appropriations of any funds that may be generated through
101 the Virginia Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan Trust Fund.

102 K. The Board of Medical Assistance Services, or the Director, as the case may be, shall adopt,
103 promulgate, and enforce such regulations pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.)
104 as may be necessary for the implementation and administration of the Family Access to Medical
105 Insurance Security Plan.

106 L. Children enrolled in the Virginia Plan for Title XXI of the Social Security Act prior to
107 implementation of these amendments shall continue their eligibility under the Family Access to Medical
108 Insurance Security Plan and shall be given reasonable notice of any changes in their benefit packages.
109 Continuing eligibility in the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan for children enrolled in
110 the Virginia Plan for Title XXI of the Social Security Act prior to implementation of these amendments
111 shall be determined in accordance with their regularly scheduled review dates or pursuant to changes in
112 income status. Families may select among the options available pursuant to subsections D and F of this
113 section.

114 M. The provisions of Chapter 9 (§ 32.1-310 et seq.) of this title relating to the regulation of medical
115 assistance shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan.

116 N. In addition, in any case in which any provision set forth in Title 38.2 excludes, exempts or does
117 not apply to the Virginia plan for medical assistance services established pursuant to Title XIX of the
118 Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq. (Medicaid), such exclusion, exemption or carve out of
119 application to Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid) shall be deemed to subsume and thus to
120 include the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Plan, established pursuant to Title

121 XXI of the Social Security Act, upon approval of FAMIS by the federal Health Care Financing
122 Administration as Virginia's State Children's Health Insurance Program.

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