



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: August 31, 2018

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Recent Letter to Principals from the Virginia Department of Education relating to FAMIS and Insurance Coverage as a Result of Medicaid Expansion

The purpose of this memo is to make superintendents aware of a recent letter sent to all Virginia public school principals from the Department of Education relating to information on the availability of the state's health insurance for children (FAMIS) and new insurance coverage for adults that will soon be available as a result of Medicaid expansion.

The letter explains that on June 7, 2018, Governor Ralph Northam signed the new state budget, which will expand health coverage to approximately 400,000 Virginians starting on January 1, 2019. The [Department of Medical Assistance Services](#) (DMAS) is distributing two flyers to all public schools in Virginia. One flyer provides key information about the availability of this new initiative and the second provides information on FAMIS. A copy of that letter is attached.

To assist DMAS with outreach regarding the availability of these two programs, please encourage your principals to provide the flyers to families at the beginning of the school year.

JFL/rsa

Attachment

[August 8, 2018 Superintendents Letter to Principals](#)

Links

[Ready, Set, Covered! Flyer \(English and Spanish\)](#)

[Coming Soon: New Health Coverage for Adults Flyer \(English\)](#)

[Coming Soon: New Health Coverage for Adults Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)