

Agency Response to Economic Impact Analysis

The Department of Medical Assistance Services has reviewed the Economic Impact Analysis prepared by the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget and is in agreement with the overall conclusions of the report. The regulatory changes provided for in the transition from the former Children's Medical Security Insurance Program (CMSIP) to the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) program, and the numerous programmatic enhancements implemented on September 1, 2002, have resulted in a more accessible program and a significant increase in enrollment. The Department believes that the FAMIS program has an overall positive impact on the Commonwealth's economy, as it provides critical support to many of Virginia's working families and maximizes federal funding to cover vital health care services to eligible children.