Cardinal Care Fact Sheet: Deemed Newborns

Children born to Medicaid and FAMIS members, including individuals granted retroactive Medicaid that covers the birth, are automatically eligible for coverage until their first birthday.

Eligibility Rules

Once enrolled, deemed newborns remain covered until their first birthday unless:

- They permanently move out of Virginia.
- A parent or guardian requests the coverage be ended.
- Their enrollment was the result of an error or fraud.

There is no review of income for deemed newborns until their first annual renewal, which will occur around their first birthday.

Note: The child's Social Security Number is not required when they are first enrolled in coverage but should be reported as soon as it is received.

Application & Renewal

Application: The birth and following information should be reported as soon as possible so the child can be enrolled in coverage. A full application is not required.

- Name
- Date of birth
- Gender

Renewal: Just before the child's first birthday, the state will check electronic data sources to see if the child is still eligible. If more information is needed, a renewal form will be mailed to the family. The completed renewal form and any additional information that is requested must be returned by the deadline or the child's coverage will end. Renewal forms can be completed:

- Online at **www.commonhelp.virginia.gov**.
- Over the phone with the Cover Virginia Call Center at 1-855-242-8282 (TDD: 1-888-221-1590), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- By mail to:

  Cardinal Care Correspondence Center
  P.O. Box 1820
  Richmond, VA 23218
- By fax or in-person to your local Department of Social Services (LDSS).

Have More Questions?

For questions, additional help, or language assistance services or large-print, Medicaid and FAMIS members are encouraged to call Cover Virginia at 1-833-5CALLVA (TDD: 1-888-221-1590).