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Our message to people around Virginia is simple...

SignUpNow!

SignUpNow is designed to stimulate and support community-based efforts to enroll eligible Virginians in state-sponsored health insurance (the Medicaid and FAMIS programs). This includes Virginians of all ages and abilities. We do this by providing:

Workshops to train paid and volunteer "application assisters" throughout the Commonwealth;

Comprehensive information and helpful resources such as Tool Kits/Reference Manuals *and a quarterly enewsletter;*

Specific case-by-case assistance and problem solving for local workers helping individuals/families; and

Coordination and support to a large network of community workers, health care providers, state-level policy makers, and others.

Welcome to the *SignUpNow Tool Kit 2*

This *Tool Kit* has been created to enable staff and volunteers in a wide variety of community settings to assist families and individuals who want to apply for the health insurance available through Virginia's **Medicaid programs for individuals who are Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD)**.

Virginians who qualify for these programs may need help completing the application and compiling required documentation. They may be uncomfortable with using computers or lack regular access to the internet, so will need help to successfully apply online. One-on-one assistance is critical to maximizing enrollment of these Virginians, and ensuring they can successfully access the benefits for which they qualify.

Some of Virginia's ABD Medicaid programs **provide comprehensive health and dental care coverage**. Those programs are:

- ABD with income at or below 80% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL);
- Programs for individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or an Auxiliary Grant (AG);
- Programs for individuals who are institutionalized, or receiving community-based care, or in hospice, with incomes at or below 300% of SSI;
- Certain "Protected Groups," who are eligible for Medicaid because they used to receive a benefit, but no longer do; and
- MEDICAID WORKS.

Some of the programs provide **limited coverage.** These are known as the **Medicare Savings Programs**, because **they work in conjunction with Medicare** to provide health insurance to dually-enrolled individuals or couples. Medicaid pays for all or part of their Medicare costs. They are:

- The Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program
- The Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) program
- Qualified Individual (QI) program
- Qualified Disabled and Working Individual (QDWI) program

Still another coverage opportunity exists for those who have high medical bills, called "**spenddown.**"

This *Tool Kit* contains program information, sample forms, resource lists, and guides and tools that are helpful when assisting Virginians with applying for these programs. In conjunction with the training provided by *SignUpNow* at community or virtual workshops or via its on-line modules, this manual will equip "helper" staff, volunteers, and communities to understand the ABD Medicaid programs.

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