

BROADCAST DMAS-101

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TO: Local directors and Medicaid staff

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SUBJECT: Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS Extended Postpartum Coverage Mailing

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The purpose of this broadcast is to inform local agencies and Cover Virginia that the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) recently mailed the letter attached below to 3,195 formerly pregnant individuals who were closed with reason 003, 007, 011 or 360 in recent months prior to the 12-month postpartum implementation. The return address for the letter is DMAS (600 E Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia). This letter is not personalized, so will not be uploaded to the VaCMS case. Individuals who were pregnant and eligible for medical assistance within the last 12 months can receive medical assistance for the remainder of their 12 month postpartum period, even if their coverage closed before July 1, 2022. The definition of “pregnant woman” for the purposes of the eligibility determination and covered group designation is met for 12 months following the last day the woman was pregnant regardless of the reason the pregnancy ended, and continues to be met until the last day of the month in which the 12th month occurs. After a woman’s eligibility as a pregnant woman is established for Medicaid or FAMIS MOMS, her entitlement continues for 12 months following the end of the month in which her pregnancy ends, regardless of income changes. Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS coverage ends the last day of the 12th month.

Introducing New Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS Extended Postpartum Coverage!

Extended Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS health care coverage is now available for **one full year** after your baby’s birth or the end of your pregnancy, even if you lost coverage in the past few months.

Postpartum coverage includes the following benefits:

- Doctor visits
- Prescription medication, including birth control
- Full dental benefits
- Behavioral health services, such as therapy and treatment for depression or anxiety, or help to quit smoking or using alcohol or other drugs
- Help with breastfeeding
- Breast pumps and supplies
- ...and more!

If you are found eligible for postpartum coverage, your coverage will last through 12 months after the date of the birth or the date your pregnancy ended, even if your income increases during that time period.

For more information, call the Cover Virginia Call Center at **833-5CALLVA (833-522-5582)** (TDD: 1-888-221-1590). The call is free and translation services are available. Cover Virginia call center hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

You can also call or visit your local Department of Social Services to see if you might be eligible and to get enrolled. The Virginia Department of Social Services website has a tool for finding contact information for your nearest office at the following web address: <https://www.dss.virginia.gov/localagency/index.cgi>.