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## **Commonwealth of Virginia Announces the Expansion of Managed Care Services to Medicaid and FAMIS Enrollees in the Far Southwest Region**

**Richmond, VA** - The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) announces that it has contracted with six managed care organizations (MCOs) to expand the availability of managed care services to Medicaid and the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan (FAMIS) enrollees throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

These MCOs will provide coverage for medical services to approximately 45,000 eligible Medicaid and FAMIS individuals in the counties of Bland, Bristol, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Galax, Grayson, Lee, Norton, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington and Wise.

Effective July 1, 2012, Medicaid and FAMIS eligible individuals in these localities will access health care services through one of the following MCOs: Amerigroup Community Care, Anthem HealthKeepers Inc., MajestaCare - A Health Plan of Carilion Clinic, CareNet-Southern Health, Optima Family Care, and Virginia Premier Health Plan.

MCOs have been providing coverage to eligible Virginia enrollees since 1996. DMAS currently contracts with the MCOs to provide health care services to approximately 625,000 of the 960,500 Medicaid and FAMIS individuals in other localities around the state. Managed care provides Medicaid and FAMIS enrollees 24/7 access to nurse advice lines, case management services, disease management programs, credentialed provider networks and enrollee outreach.

The video from the Managed Care Open Forum held in Abingdon on October 19, 2011 is available on line at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUc0\\_Z6U1PU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUc0_Z6U1PU).

For the most up-to-date information about the managed care expansion visit - [http://dmasva.dmas.virginia.gov/Content\\_pgs/mc-home.aspx](http://dmasva.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mc-home.aspx) or contact the DMAS Office of Communications. *Contact information at top of release.*

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