

Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Medical Assistance Services
UNINSURED MEDICAL CATASTROPHE FUND
Information Sheet

The Uninsured Medical Catastrophe Fund (UMCF) was established by the 1999 General Assembly to provide funds for uninsured persons who need treatment for a life threatening illness or injury. An uninsured medical catastrophe shall include a life-threatening illness or injury requiring specialized medical treatment, hospitalization or both that if left untreated would more than likely result in death. The UMCF will not pay for services already rendered, including emergency services. The UMCF can only pay for services provided on or after the date the **application was approved.**

The UMCF is not an entitlement program. Expenditures are limited to available funding. Funds will be disbursed on a first-come, first served basis based on the date the original application is received. A waiting list will be developed if necessary.

Generally, to qualify for the UMCF you must:

- be a citizen of the United States or a legal resident alien.
- be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- have gross family income at or below 300% of the federal nonfarm poverty income guidelines. Income includes wages, self-employment, Social Security benefits, pensions, etc.
- have a life threatening illness or injury.
- be uninsured for the needed treatment and not eligible for coverage for the needed treatment through private health insurance or federal, state, or local government medical assistance programs.
- provide a medical treatment plan certified by your treating physician. The course of treatment must not exceed 12 months and must not be open-ended.
- identify a provider who is willing to accept the global fee established for the medical treatment plan.

Covered Services

The UMCF will cover the following services to the extent that they are part of the approved treatment plan: inpatient hospital services, outpatient hospital services and surgical centers, ambulatory care, laboratory and x-ray services, physician's services and other ambulatory care, medical care furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by State law, prescribed drugs and rehabilitative services to the extent necessary to recover from medical treatment.

The only organ and tissue transplant procedures covered are: kidney, liver, heart, lung and bone marrow.

Income Levels:

UMCF Income Levels effective July 1, 2008

Family Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income
1	\$31,200	\$,2601
2	42,000	3,501
3	52,800	4,401
4	63,600	5,301
5	74,400	6,201
6	85,200	7,101
7	96,000	8,001
8	106,800	8,901
Each Add'l Person Add	10,800	900

300% FPL effective 7/1/08-6/30/09

How to Apply:

Applications are accepted at the Department of Medical Assistance Services office. Applications must have an original signature and will be accepted by mail, hand delivery, or courier. Faxed applications are not accepted and will be returned.

Return original signed application to:

Department of Medical Assistance Services
Attn: Uninsured Medical Catastrophe Fund
600 E. Broad Street, 12th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Applications can be downloaded from the DMAS internet web site, <http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/>, <http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/downloads/forms/umcf-001.pdf> or you can call 1-800-432-5924 to request one to be mailed to you.

Contributions

The UMCF is funded entirely by contributions and donations. Starting with the 1999 tax return, Virginia taxpayers can designate a portion of their Virginia tax refund to the UMCF. Direct contributions to the UMCF are also accepted. Checks can be mailed to:

Department of Medical Assistance Services
Attn: UMCF, Fiscal Division, 5th Floor
600 E. Broad Street, Suite 1300
Richmond, Virginia 23219