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FAMIS helped out family

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Our children are the future of this county and our country. It is our job as parents to make sure our children are healthy and able to take over and run the future.

I recently lost my job due to the overseas market in the furniture industry, just as many others. Even though I knew that my family would have to adjust to the economic times, I was not prepared for the cost of many things, especially health care insurance for my children.

In reference to the article (in the Bulletin) on Jan. 18 about the mother who needed health care for her son: Luckily, I was told about the FAMIS program provided by the state. I struggled at first with applying because I partially felt I wasn't doing my part as a father and provider to supply my children with health coverage. The cost for coverage was staggering as I tried to figure out our new budget.

After talking to my family, I contacted Ann Walker, the FAMIS representative, at the Bassett Family Physicians office. Walker helped me fill out the paperwork and talked to me about the program and what to expect. A couple of weeks later, my children had health care insurance and a huge burden had been lifted off my shoulders.

Our children deserve to be healthy and active. Do not miss an opportunity to have your children be the future because health care is too expensive. Posters about the FAMIS program are up at the VEC (Virginia Employment Commission), Social Services office and other locations throughout the community. Take advantage of this program and contact Walker. Set up an appointment and talk to her because our children deserve it.

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