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## Please expand Medicaid

1 message

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Dear Commission:

I urge you to expand Medicaid to cover those of us whose incomes are too low (under 11,500 per year) to receive the subsidy assistance that would make policies affordable through the ACA. I am 58 yrs old, and have recently found part-time work after multiple layoffs and a long job search. I still do not have sufficient income to meet very basic living expenses. I rent a room. I have no health insurance. The free clinics do their best but they can only see so many patient's in a day and wait times are extremely long just to get signed up for an appointment. They are never reachable by phone. If you have not experienced waiting for free care you do not understand what it is like to be very sick and have no way to get seen by a doctor. I missed a week of work too ill to get myself to treatment before I could get myself to a care van service at a church where I waited several hours. The emergency room is not the answer. I want to get back to work full time, but until I do I need this help. Please.

*Darthy Hirsch*