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Comment - To Whom It May Concern: Before making a decision to expand or not, I truly believe that Medicaid needs much needed changes. I have been blessed, working and paying taxes since the age of 16, working in the medical field for 37 years with 25 of those as a nurse. Here are some suggestions for change to Medicaid: (1) Every Medicaid recipient must pass an initial and random drug test, (2) Limit to number of births while on Medicaid, (3) Limit to the amount of narcotic/anti-anxiety medicines handed out by MD's, (4) Limit to the number of emergency department visits within a 1 year period, (5) Medicaid recipient cost for emergency department/urgent care visit; \$10.00; cost for PCP/Specialist visit; \$1.00, cost for generic medications; \$1.00, cost for narcotics/anti-anxiety medications; \$10.00, (6) More stringent rules to obtaining disability, (7) When a person is obtaining a Medicaid card make them fully aware that it is not a free handout from the government, it is being paid for by taxpayers, (8) Daycare for Medicaid recipient's children should be at a local church within their community for the cost of \$1.00 per day, (9) Medicaid children's mother should be seeking employment or education, (10) Medicaid children's father should be held accountable, (Initial application should have proof of mother's and father's name, date of birth and social security), (11) Parenting Education, Counseling, Resume/Job Seeking Education, Smoking Cessation, Rehab for Alcohol/Drug Abuse should be mandated when necessary, (12) Tubal Ligation should be included, (13) Medicaid should include preventative care services; Medical, Vision and Dental for all recipients, (14) Every Medicaid recipient must choose a primary care office that is within their community. I have seen individuals use the emergency department as a primary care office and say, "I don't have to pay for it" when reminded that it is costly to utilize. I have seen moms continue to have children that she cannot afford. I have seen fathers not held accountable for their children. I have seen doctors continue to hand out narcotics and anti-anxiety medications and not take the time to get to the root of the problem. I have seen primary care doctors keep seeing patients that truly need specialist care. I have seen individuals with infected, rotten teeth in their mouth because they cannot afford to go to the dentist. I have seen chronic disease occur because of patients not being educated and/or have access to preventative care. I have seen individuals that cannot afford their diabetes medicine or see an eye doctor for a yearly retinal exam or see a podiatrist for a comprehensive foot exam and then they go blind and lose their limbs. I believe that educated and healthy individuals cost less money. I believe that we should help our children and adults to become responsible, independents, NOT irresponsible, dependents. Thank you for reading and listening to my thoughts, opinions and concerns. Sincerely, Dana Allen

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