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Comment - Please expand Medicaid in VA & work collaboratively to improve any issues that emerge with it's services & to continue to reduce it's costs. It doesn't have to be a "Cadillac" healthcare service; it just needs to provide those temporarily unemployed & lower-income citizens with affordable safe healthcare options; these, too, are voters who pay taxes (primarily for our local services & safety nets during unexpected "hard times" that occur in everyone's life). No one objects to paying for basic healthcare -- but it must be affordable. Don't exclude 400K Virginians who will not qualify for any financial assistance without Medicaid expansion in this state. Otherwise, these helpless uninsured will simply continue to be handled through expensive ER crisis care. I'm 62, single, fighting cancer, & unable to work currently; my COBRA coverage ends 10/31 & I can't afford \$600 - \$800+ for an unsubsidized individual plan on the Network. Without the ACA, I was previously denied ALL insurance options just 36 mos. ago thanks to the US insurance companies who only wanted to insure you until you get sick -- then they quickly excluded us from ALL further coverage (pre-existing exclusions, remember??)! With affordable healthcare, we don't have to face an even bigger financial crisis every time we are between jobs due to lay-offs, down-sizings, or when we are diagnosed with a chronic serious health condition or have a child with a disability. With ACA & Medicaid expansion in VA, we'll finally be able to "pay our way" with dignity & continue to function with part-time / low-wage jobs while we are trying to get back on our feet after an unplanned job loss, reduction in hours, divorce, or major illness. Thank you for your consideration & please support Medicaid expansion in VA.