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The Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission
201 North 9th Street General Assembly Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219

November 21, 2013

Dear Chairman Hanger and Members of the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission:

This letter is to express our support for Medicaid Expansion in Virginia which would allow for an estimated 400,000 low-income residents to become eligible for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act provisions.

We agree with the information found on The Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association web site:

"As the default providers of care for uninsured individuals throughout the Commonwealth, Virginia's hospitals and health systems know full well the impacts on disease progression and quality of life that delayed or forgone care due to lack of coverage can have."

Persons who don't have coverage are less likely to get preventive care, and are more likely to get care at an advanced stage of illness which is more costly.

"VHHA commissioned Chmura & Associates to evaluate what the broader economic ramifications of the Commonwealth's Medicaid policy choices would be, the three most important findings of the analysis are clear:

Implementing the Medicaid expansion in Virginia would provide a \$3.9 billion boost to the Virginia economy annually;

The related federal funds could support more than 30,000 jobs; and

While most of the direct benefits accrue to the health care sector, significant benefits would also be enjoyed by businesses and households."

From the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities web site:

"Congressional Budget Office estimates show that the federal government will bear nearly 93 percent of the costs of the Medicaid expansion over its first nine years (2014-2022). The federal government will pick up 100 percent of the cost of covering people made newly eligible for Medicaid for the first three years (2014-2016) and no less than 90 percent on a permanent basis."

We urge you to move forward with Medicaid Expansion in Virginia for the reasons we stated. We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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