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## New MIRC Comment

1 message

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**Comment** - I am with Americans for Prosperity. I have somewhat edited their message to reflect the following. I respectfully request that you do not expand Medicaid. Adding 400,000 individuals to the Medicaid system will cost us billions which will mean future tax hikes and budget cuts to vital services like schools, police and fire departments. According to Health Affairs Journal, nearly one in four Virginia doctors currently don't accept new Medicaid patients. Expansion will mean longer waits (which means rationing of medical services) and the destruction of the doctor-patient relationship. Again, please stop this part of Obamacare expansion in Virginia. Please do not allow any Medicaid expansion. In fact, Medicaid as an entitlement program ought to be gradually reduced and entirely eliminated to save hard-earned tax-payer dollars.