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## New MIRC Comment

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**Last Name** - Cowles

**Organization Name** - private citizen

**Comment** - I attended the MIRC hearing at the General Assembly Building on October 15, 2013, and heard a speaker confirm what a health provider had already told me: My good insurance is being charged inflated prices in order to cover the cost of providing health care to the uninsured. I find this seldom-mentioned method of paying for indigent care pernicious and subject to abuse. It's a short step from charging my insurance twice what the treatment requires to giving me unnecessary treatment in order to charge my insurance. You may think no one would go so far as that, but neither did the architects of the Patriot Act think NSA would abuse the system. I would like to see Medicaid extended so that payment for indigent care would operate in the sunlight.