

## Virginia MIRC< vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov>

## **New MIRC Comment**

1 message

Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 11:13 AM

Reply-To:

To: vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov

First Name - Alberta

Last Name - Reid

Organization Name - Individual

Comment - Dear MIRC Commission, I am writing to urge the commission to expand Medicaid in Virginia. I support Medicaid expansion because it will enable thousands of adults with mental health disorders to gain access to mental health care. During the past year alone, six in ten adults experiencing serious mental illness went without mental health care, in large part due to having no insurance. Under Virginia's current strict eligibility, thousands of low-income adults who live with mental illness do not qualify for Medicaid. Expansion will change that. Again, I urge you to please expand Medicaid so that people who need access to mental health care in Virginia can receive it. Too many people are going without the help they need and its very costly in the long run. Sincerely, Alberta W. Reid