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Medicaid Expansion in Virginia

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To the Commission:

As a Virginia resident and a future primary care physician, I would like to express my support for Medicaid expansion. Through my training, I have encountered many individuals who are hard working, employed Virginia residents who do not receive coverage through their employers. Actually, I am in a similar situation as a student, currently borrowing money to pay for private insurance on top of what I already pay for tuition. I am fortunate in that I have no major health problems and my costs are relatively low. Others are not nearly so lucky and face the threat of bankruptcy every time they need a surgery or hospitalization. If Medicaid were expanded, the teaching hospitals where we train could receive more funds through the Disproportionate Share Hospital payments via the ACA.

These funds could provide care for more patients and bring costs down in the long term.

If I understand correctly, we as taxpayers are already contributing to the federal money that will be used to expand Medicaid in the states that participate. So if Virginia participates, some of that money will come back to Virginia to help Virginians. If not, we will basically be paying for residents of other states to receive coverage, but not our own.

I hope that you as a committee will make the right choice for Virginia. The ACA plan is not perfect, but it is what we have right now, and we should be utilizing it to our advantage. Thank you.

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