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## **Comments on Medicaid Expansion**

1 message

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To: vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov

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

I'm writing tin support of expanding Medicaid coverage to the roughly 400,000 uninsured individuals in Virginia who need but currently cannot afford access to health care. An expansion of the program would not only help the individuals who would be covered but also help to reduce the overall cost of health care in Virginia. Individuals who receive preventive health care or health care early during an illness reduces the overall physical, mental and dollar costs of health care. Additionally, expanding medicaid coverage would help to reduce the financial burden of our community hospitals who now provide some of this care but cannot be reimbursed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Wishes, Allen Lomax