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## New MIRC Comment

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**Comment** - I am an ordained Presbyterian minister, and a Licensed Professional Counselor in Virginia. I have worked with many persons of low income who cannot afford health insurance, but do not meet the very strict requirements for Medicaid in this state. This results in many people being unable to get preventive care, becoming more ill, and dying prematurely. Virginia is the sixth wealthiest state in the nation, and yet we are only about 38th in our funding of Medicaid. The gap between our richest and poorest citizens is huge, and continues to grow. Please consider expanding Medicaid to include low-income men, and others who do not qualify for Medicaid under the current rules. They have just as much desire to be healthy and enjoy life as the rest of us. Thank you.