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## New MIRC Comment

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**Comment** - The public debate over the expansion of Medicaid has focussed on the net cost to the Commonwealth of Virginia. There is little question that the expenditure of this amount of Federal money will benefit the Commonwealth of Virginia's citizens and its government. There is also little question that it will regularize what is now an irregular and expensive form of medical care through emergency rooms and untended severe diseases. But most important -- and strangely missing from the public debate in Capitol and General Assembly -- is the fact that 400,000 souls will have medical care. Is this not what we believe in? The incredibly disproportionate incomes of our citizens, as our economy has been altered over the past 50 years, mean that this is the only way for many persons, many of whom work two or three low-paying, part-time jobs, often for the Commonwealth, can get their health care. That's a decision our society has made by shifting most of the benefits of the economy upward. We have no right, having made the decision that we will have this kind of wage structure, to deny the basic implications of that decision in terms of payment for medical care.