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Comment - We desperately need Medicaid expansion in Virginia; compared to other states, the eligibility requirements for Medicaid coverage in Virginia are unrealistically strict and leave hundreds of thousands of the working poor without coverage. When more people have access to health care, overall costs actually go down because preventative and regular care is less expensive than acute and emergency care. It is estimated that over 400,000 people will be covered as a result of Medicaid expansion. Some of these folks include parents of children already covered by Medicaid, people with disabilities and people who work in low-wage jobs. Virginia's economy also stands to benefit: Medicaid expansion will add about 30,000 well-paying health care jobs to Virginia's economy. A recent study confirms that expanding Medicaid in Virginia will cost the state LESS over the next six years than if we did not expand. Medicaid expansion will add dollars to our economy, increasing funds available for our general and non-general funds. If Medicaid is expanded to Virginia, more Virginians' federal tax dollars will be going to help Virginians instead of our tax dollars paying for expansion in other states, without the benefits of decreasing health care costs, insuring more people and adding money to our economy.