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## Medicaid expansion and reform

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To: Members of the MIRC Commission <vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov>

Dear Members of the MIRC Commission,

As a health care provider in the state of va, I understand the need to expand to cover those who need care. But , I also feel the need for medicaid reform. I know one welfare user that received 800.00 in food stamps and then required a gastric bypass because of all the weight she gained. She then required two other surgeries to fix the gastric bypass. Then she got a hysterectomy due to being so overweight. It was a vicious cycle, she also used her children on medicaid to get medications for her own use ,such as Adderall. She and her husband became meth users and other drug abusers and i know of at least two different times he overdosed and was intensive care for a week.. This was all done on medicaid. There has to be some limits for what can and will be covered. I work for a living, pay taxes, and have health insurance but i am sure i would be dropped if all that occurred. I know my brother in law was told by his insurance, they would drop him if he didn't lose weight. And guess what he lost the weight without surgery and now is healthier and still has health insurance. I think that abusers of public insurance such as medicaid should be held to the same standards as private insurance. It has to stop somewhere or those 250,000 people who need insurance are going to be the working poor and the possibility for misuse is great. Medicaid was designed like Medicare to assist those in need not take over their whole existence. My husband is on Medicare and is disabled but stable in his health but he still pays his deductibles and copays. Which is what is missing from medicaid. when everything in health care is another freebie, the opportunities for abuse increase expediently just due to the sheer numbers. There will always be those in any system that manipulates and misuses their gifts from the taxpayers and that is why I think the taxpayers have a right for an accounting of their monies. Those you deserve the medicaid are welcome to it, those who exploit it and use it for harm need to be denied. thank you...

Sincerely,

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