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## Medicaid Expansion

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To: Members of the MIRC Commission &lt;vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov&gt;

Dear Members of the MIRC Commission,

Medicaid expansion is very important in my community. I know too many people who work hard to provide for their families, but still cannot afford/obtain health insurance and make just enough money that they do not qualify for Medicaid under the current system. I know one family where the father is on disability due to a terminal disease and just his income keeps them from qualifying for full Medicaid. The children, at least, get FAMIS coverage, but the mother, who cannot work because she has to take care of her husband, forgoes health care because she simply cannot pay for it. Another family where the father works and the mother stays home with thier two children because they cannot afford a babysitter cannot get on Medicaid due to just a little too much income. He recently had surgery and was told to stay out of work for a week, but he went back to work anyway because he could not afford the medical bills and loss of income. These are just a couple of examples of what many low, but not low enough, income families are dealing with in Halifax County. While I understand that there are those who work harder at working the system to get all the benefits they think they are entitled to and some reform needs to be done to prevent abuse of the system, I would rather have my tax dollars help those who are trying to help themselves. People who work hard and try to make ends meet but, for whatever reason, are still unable to afford quality healthcare. These are the people who forgo healthcare until it becomes a serious problem and wind up in our emergency rooms needing more expensive care, adding cost to our hospitals/healthcare providers. Please make reforms to the Medicaid program so that hard working families can get the care they need.

Sincerely,

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