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## New MIRC Comment

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**Comment** - Support the extension of Medicare in Virginia! Through the Affordable Care Act, the Federal Government will fund the overwhelming majority of the cost of extending Medicare in the states. As a Federal taxpayer, I am paying for expansion of Medicare in other states, but Virginia has refused Federal aid so my fellow Virginians who need Medicare get no additional help from my tax dollars. This makes no sense. Instead, Virginians who need Medicaid and don't have it use emergency room which raises hospital costs for everyone and I wind up paying twice (taxes and increased hospital costs) for the 400,000 Virginians who would be covered under the expanded Medicaid program. Again this makes no sense and makes me upset. Add to this the moral and ethical imperatives of expanding Medicare which is essentially already paid for and doing anything less is simply wrong.