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## **Medicaid suggestion**

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To whom it may concern,

My children receive Medicaid and I did while I was pregnant, throughout the years I have noticed several polices that need to be reviewed. I feel that the social workers are not doing their jobs and just as teachers have to be reviewed every year, I feel social workers need to be reviewed at least once or twice a year. Throughout the 6 years that myself or my children have been on Medicaid, every time I went into the office to file paper work or what not, I have noticed that people receiving Medicaid and other benefits have a lot nicer cars then I do, better clothing for themselves and their children, and such. While I am not complaining; however, my husband works very hard and we can barely afford the vehicle we have much less a brand new one. Expanding Medicaid would be a GREAT idea especially to mothers or fathers who stay at home and care for their children such as myself. How can the parent care for the child(ren), when he/she is fighting an illness or other such health problem? There were days when I needed to be seen by a doctor in order to get medication so I could take care of my two children; however, since I could not afford to go to the doctor and I had no insurance my husband had to take off that day from work so I could try and feel better. We lost money because he could not work so he could care for our children and care for me. I do believe that while keeping regulations tight on Medicaid will help but not if it does not help the ones who need it the most. There are many couples/people out there working hard day in and day out to barely make it and keep a roof over their heads and there are some people who are not working and living off the government and get everything they want including brand new cars, nice clothing, and etc. There should be checks and balances system put into place for workers and the people receiving the benefits. I feel most of the time the reason why those who need it the most do not receive benefits is because the worker is not interested in working hard to help those people. The workers that I have had were lazy and half the time did not process the paper work either in time or did not process the paper work correctly. I hope that Virginia is able to expand the Medicaid program to those who are truly in need of it, even if that means small co-pay or other such very small payment for the program. I think it will work best if it is a sliding scale program based on income, bills, etc. I hope this letter allows for you to see what a person who has used the Medicaid system truly feels about how the program is being ran now and how it should change in the future. I look forward to hearing more about this possible expansion to the Medicaid program!!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Darlene Symborski