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Comment - Thank you for all of your hard work



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This letter is being written from a psychiatric nurse practitioner seeing those in need throughout the life span. Desperately needed mental health services will become available to multitudes of those in need if Medicaid expansion could happen. One hospital in one of the most under-served areas of Virginia, the southwest, has closed and possibly could have been prevented with Medicaid expansion. The closing of this hospital is a disaster on many levels. With Medicaid expansion more such disasters in health care for the most vulnerable in Virginia can be avoided. There are many well prepared psychiatric family nurse practitioners ready to provide excellent, needed mental health services if Medicaid expansion does occur to help chronically ill individuals become participating members of their communities and to help unnecessary deaths from lack of access to health care. More mental health services would also become accessible to families with children from 0 -3 in need of mental health services and prevention. Medicaid expansion will help with preventative mental health care to those who need it most of all ages. Medicaid expansion will help in the creation of many much needed jobs in mental health care