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Medicaid Expansion in Virginia

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

Dear Members of the MIRC Commission,

Bon Secours Virginia is supportive of needed reforms as a pathway to expanding Medicaid coverage to the poor and the vulnerable.

Our call as a faith based health care system is to provide care to those most in need.

Medicaid expansion is also important for our hospitals. Those patients who are uninsured and not able to pay do not get the preventative care they need and are likely to put off seeing a doctor when they are sick. When patients do get sick, they seek care in our emergency rooms, where costs are the most expensive. With Medicaid expansion, over 300,000 additional Virginians could see a doctor in a timely manner, protecting their own health and avoiding inefficient use of medical resources.

Sincerely,

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