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Comment - While final numbers for insurance premium costs don't seem to be readily published across the state yet, the few numbers we have heard about make me believe that private insurance for many thousands of people will still not be reachable. For this reason, coupled with the GOAL of having all Virginians insured, it seems that expanding Medicaid is the only feasible way to cover everyone in need with reasonable rates and coverage more than just banking on private insurance alone. I know many people in the areas where we work and live who don't have insurance. In the long run and the short run, any medical needs will go either unaddressed or under-addressed because they simply can't afford the insurance, or the long-term care (possibly the short-term care). As a country and as a state, we excel in great health care innovations and services - but only to those that can afford it. This becomes a longer-term burden on hospitals and care providers when bills can't be paid due to a lack of insurance coverage or patients with no financial means to pay for services received. Expanding Medicare would eliminate these issues.