

## Virginia MIRC< vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov>

## letter concerning Medicaid in VA

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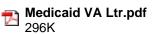
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To: vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov

Thank you for your consideration. I urge you to support the expansion of Medicaid.

Katherine B. Porterfield



Alexandria, VA
October 2, 2013

Medicaid Reform and Innovation Commission Richmond, Virginia

**Dear Commission members:** 

I write to urge you to support the expansion of Medicaid in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This measure will offer quality, affordable health care coverage to thousands of hardworking Virginians who cannot currently afford it. It is incumbent on those of us who have adequate health care coverage to provide help to those who don't.

If you will not be persuaded by moral arguments, please consider that there are sound economic reasons to expand the coverage. The expansion of Medicaid in Virginia will surely bring badly needed jobs to the Commonwealth. Other states are taking advantage of this program, and if Virginia does not, we will simply be paying for health care, with our tax dollars, for people who live outside the state. We will also continue to pay for emergency care for uninsured people in Virginia in our own increased health care premiums.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposal. As a voting resident of Virginia for over 50 years, I urge you to give your full support to this expansion that will support the health and welfare of our fellow citizens throughout the state. Surely, this is a no-brainer.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine B. Porterfield