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**First Name** - Kathleen**Last Name** - Callahan**Organization Name** - Episcopal Church

**Comment** - Thank you for the opportunity to submit a comment on the work of the MIRC. Please expand Medicaid assistance to those families and individuals who cannot afford healthcare because their incomes are too low but too high for the present Medicaid guidelines. This action will minimize the use of emergency rooms for basic medical needs and thus, lower the cost of medical premiums for all of us. It will also create jobs. Virginia taxpayers are paying for other states to take advantage of the federal money to expand Medicaid. We are sending about \$2 billion to Washington a year and receiving nothing in return. If we expand Medicaid, Virginia will see \$2.6 billion in 2015 alone returned to where it belongs. We must stand up for Virginian families and expand Medicaid. It is the right thing to do!