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**First Name** - L Vincent**Last Name** - Sawyer Jr**Organization Name** - The Healing Place of Southwestern Virginia

**Comment** - On behalf of The Haven, Inc. and The Healing Place of Southwestern Virginia, I offer these comments in advocacy for the expansion of Medicaid in Virginia. Those individuals with whom we come in contact, almost without exception, do not have health insurance. We believe that all Virginians deserve access to affordable healthcare. We also believe that access to health insurance will improve the financial health of families and individuals who will be covered by Medicaid expansion. We also understand that expansion of Medicaid will provide access to 400,000 Virginians who do not have health insurance, will provide 30,000 Virginians with new healthcare jobs, and will be 100% federally funded for the first 3 years and then 90% funded by the federal government starting in 2020. We urge you to approve Medicaid expansion in Virginia. L. Vincent Sawyer, Jr. President, Boards of Directors The Healing Place of Southwestern Virginia and The Haven, Inc.