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I support expanding Medicaid to 400,000 Virginians...

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Virginia Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission
VA

Dear Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission,

... including me! Through no fault of my own, a fraudulent individual insurance company mis-represented themselves, stole from me for seven months, and then dumped me without my knowledge of permission when they were found out to NOT be a credible coverage insurance provider after all. Their actions forced me beyond the Federal 63 day limit to convert from one credible coverage plan to another. I was rendered uninsured. And precisely because I have preexisting conditions, UN-insurable (without paying premiums for a year, for no service, with money I do not have)! I cannot get labs done. I could not go back to my doctor of seven years, having owed them many hundreds of dollars, which I cannot pay, solely because of that fraudulent brokerage firm.

I would have applied for Medicaid, since I am also unemployed, but since I live in my Mother's house, taking care of her (for her own medical issues) and she has a good pension, I do not qualify.

I'm no freeloader. I look for work all the time, but a permanent complication of unexpected heart bypass surgery a few years ago, I have new limitations which prevent me from qualifying for the easiest of jobs for which I am otherwise vastly qualified.

After my heart bypass surgery, thankfully provided by a great, community hospital and their charitable care policies, I applied for disability Medicaid. After seven months, the Virginia DDS declined my claim, NOT because I wasn't medically qualified, NOT because I wasn't financially qualified, but solely because I was not PERMANENTLY disabled! It's now been 2.5 years with a side-effect of my surgery and that should be long enough to be considered permanent. However, I need to see a doctor or two, get tests, to see if this side effect can be fixed to restore my functional health, so I can get back to work and back to my full live OR to determine the side effect is permanent and qualify for a disability determination once and for all.

I'm stuck, left out of good health options with the help of available, immediate health care insurance so I can be seen, treated, restore my

health, and once again be a productive, self sufficient tax payer and citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia. But if the removal of the preexisting condition rule is not achieved, I am doomed. I am no freeloader. I need to pay back my old bills, work again, support myself. And for that, Virginia (and I) needs the expansion of Medicaid, etc. of Omamacare, now. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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