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Comment - Dear Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission, Virginia already spends millions of dollars through the state General Fund to provide health care for people who are uninsured. Medicaid expansion would be a more cost-effective way of providing coverage. Lack of treatment and services often escalates into crisis, which is more expensive for the health care system, the person and family, and the community. With Medicaid expansion we can have a system that focuses on preventative care and not critical care. Additionally, under Virginia's current strict eligibility for SSDI, thousands of low-income adults who live with mental illness do not qualify for Medicaid coverage. Expansion coupled with mental health parity under the ACA will change that. I urge you to expand Medicaid in Virginia which will increase health care access for nearly 400,000 Virginians whose lives stand to be drastically improved. Sincerely, Liesl Lipford