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**Yes for expansion of Medicaid**

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Expansion of Medicaid is necessary because there is a gap in insurance availability between those currently covered by Medicaid and those covered under the Affordable Care act, and these are people who are definitely in need of coverage. The Affordable Care Act coverage is affordable for those with low incomes because it provides for tax credits as subsidies for the cost of insurance. However, there are people who do not have enough income to owe taxes, so for them tax credits are not usable.

For example, my son has recently gone back to college at age 26 after several years in the work force. He is currently not working, but plans to take on a part-time job as his class schedule permits. But his income will be low enough that he will not owe taxes. He has investigated coverage under the current Medicaid system but was told he is not eligible. His only recourse now is insurance at a high cost, either privately or through an ACA plan but without subsidies. Fortunately this is something we can help him with, but there are too many others in a similar situation that have no viable option.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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