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New MIRC Comment

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First Name - Lisa**Last Name** - Laughlin**Organization Name** -

Comment - My name is Lisa Laughlin, and I am writing to you today with several concerns that I have. I am physically disabled, cannot work, and have an active case with Social Security Disability that is in appeals. This has been going on for the past two years. Since I am disabled, and cannot work, I do not qualify for unemployment. I have no income at all. My physical disabilities require me to go to the doctor often, but I am not able to pay for my medicines, and antibiotics. I have applied for Medicaid, but have been told by a case worker that the only way I will qualify, before I am officially declared disabled by Social Security, is if I am pregnant. I am very excited that Obamacare takes effect Jan 1, 2014. However, since I have no income, I don't qualify for any of the healthcare plans. The website states that the Federal government has changed the Medicaid qualifications, but, as you know, it is ultimately the decision of each state as whether it will expand their program. Virginia has not expanded Medicaid to meet the Affordable Care Act; thus, I will still be without insurance that I badly need. Please help change Virginia's laws, and allow people, such as myself, the Medicaid insurance that we so badly need. Also, please do not take away Obamacare, because there are many low income people that need insurance. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I hope that you can help me.