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Expansion of Medicaid in Virginia

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Medicaid should be expanded in Virginia because healthcare is a necessity. I grew up during the 1950's in a family where there was no healthcare at all. The only time that I went to the doctor was when I or my brother had cut something and my Mother could not stop the bleeding or we were screaming in pain with a high fever from an infection which was not treated. I can tell you that is a horrible way to grow up. When my brother came down with meningitis and nearly died, my parents had no way to pay the bills. They had to sell our home at a loss to pay some of them. Even though my Father was working as a welder and a taxi cab driver and my mom worked at Sears and Roebuck (in the catalogue department) they could not afford to pay that hospital bill off. My parents were ashamed of this to their dying day. It was hard-very hard! No one should have to live like that! Especially when they go to work everyday, try their hardest and are still only one illness away from financial ruin. Even if my taxes go up, we must expand Medicaid.

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