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## New MIRC Comment

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**About file** - #1: The Federal Government is not in good financial shape. Virginia should not depend on the Federal Government's ability to pay what it is offering for the next 3 years. Moreover, Virginia should not be accepting the financial responsibility it will be having after 3 years are up, even if the Federal Government does pay what it says it will. #2: Lets fix the current medicaid system before we talk about expanding it. If we can't fix it, we have no business spending more. If we can fix it, just do it.....I know it is not simple, but that does not change the facts. When the time and attention is given to repairing what we already have, progress will be made. I am not saying the challenges have been ignored.....But I am saying the job is not done, and first things first. #3: I had a disabled son for 27 years that was a recipient of the medicaid system and its benefits.....he died of seizures at age 27, about 5 years ago. So I have first hand knowledge of the good medicaid can and has done. But for the sake of other families that still need its benefits, please repair what we now have, so it can continue to serve well the eligible people under the current system. Expand it only when "the house is in order" and it is "financially responsible" to do so. Find the money first, within a balanced budget, and then expand services. Thank you. Mike Fritzsche [REDACTED] Mechanicsville, VA [REDACTED]