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## **New MIRC Comment**

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**Comment** - Sirs, I've known several persons who do not have health insurance, and that is why expanding Medicaid is important to me. They were too young for Medicare and their employers provided either health insurance with catastrophically high (like \$5000 deductibles) or no coverage for family members. It should be obvious that access to insurance improves financial health for families and individuals. AND reduces work absenteeism due to treatable disorders becoming so much worse – that work days are lost to sickness. Medicaid expansion bridges the coverage gap, ensuring that 400,000 Virginians have access to high quality affordable healthcare, and in the process create 30 thousand new healthcare jobs in Virginia. AND this is a morally correct action: EXPAND MEDICAL COVERAGE TO PROVIDE HEALING FOR THE SICK, FOR ACCIDENT VICTIMS AND PERSONS UNABLE TO AFFORD INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE BECAUSE OF HIGH PREMIUM COSTS. Respectfully sumitted on 27 September 2013