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Comment - Medicaid has proven to provide worse healthcare outcomes than private insurance, and in some cases, worse than no insurance at all. Therefore, exapnding the program would be immoral. In addition, once the federal government stops paying its share of a state's Medicaid expansion, the states will go broke paying for it on their own. Besides, the federal government is already $17 trillion in debt, and Medicaid expansion would increase this debt, leaving our children and grandchildren to pay for it. Also, Medicaid expansion is a significant part of the Obama Administration's attempt to transform our healthcare system into a single-payer, government run program. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") achieves this goal by expanding Medicaid into the middle class. This will move many people out of their private health insurance and into a health insurance system proven to have poor quality and access issues. This attempt to transform our healthcare system is the antithesis of patient-centered, free-market economics. I oppose any attempt to expand government-provided healthcare and am recommending reforms that place healthcare decisions into the hands of the patients and their doctors.