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## **New MIRC Comment**

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Comment - I have supported the creation of a universal healthcare system in the US since my experience in the US Air Force in the Second World War. My experience with such systems in Europe in the years since the war has confirmed my belief that such service to our citizens is a mark of advanced civilization. It became clear to me then that everyone needs to have access to healthcare and that without a Federal healthcare system, that would never be possible. Now that system is closer to realization with the ACA. But, the segment of our population in most need will not yet have it without an expansion of Medicaid to Virginia. The costs of that expansion will be paid by the Federal government. The need for that coverage is undeniable. I see it about me every day. And, I know from personal experience that without a system of health insurance, neither I nor those less fortunate than I could possibly afford the care we need. Thus, I urge the Commission to do the right thing and recommend that Virginia accept Medicaid as soon as possible, without conditions, on behalf of the 400,000 or so of our fellow citizens who cannot now obtain it. ThomasFina