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I strongly recommend that the MIRC proceed with the Virginia Medicaid Expansion as defined in the ACA. I have worked in Public Health Nursing education for 27 years and have seen many ways Virginians would benefit from Medicaid Expansion. This includes but is not limited to:

- a. Access to more and less expensive preventive care (which would reduce more expensive care later)
- b. A decrease in unpaid emergency care expenses
- c. A related incentive for Virginia providers to reduce their prices due to less unpaid care.
- d. Health care for Virginia families with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level.

Please notice the higher insurance premiums in states that are not moving ahead with Medicaid expansion. This will affect many in Virginia. It is clear that premiums are lower in states with exchanges. We need to add this competitive factor in Virginia.