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Medicaid Expansion

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To: vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov

To: Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission
From: Betty Reed, Lawrence Memorial United Methodist Women
Re: Medicaid Expansion

As you know, the new federal healthcare law goes into effect October 1, 2013. As it stands now, the law does not include the 400,000 low-income Virginians currently uninsured. I would like to take this opportunity to urge you, a member of the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission, to expand the eligibility for Medicaid that would include this group. It is estimated that the expansion would bring 30,000 new healthcare jobs to Virginia. Since our economy is still recovering from the recession, 30,000 new jobs would certainly be a huge boost to the Commonwealth. As a person of faith, it is my belief that caring for our neighbors is not only a sound policy decision, but our moral obligation. Please give this most pressing policy issue your sincere prayerful consideration.