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I recommend that the MIRC proceed with the Virginia Medicaid Expansion as defined in the ACA. An expansion of coverage would provide the following benefits:

- 1) a stable form of healthcare services for Virginia families with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level
- 2) Virginia families will have access to less expensive preventative care that significantly reduces the amount of more expensive reflexive/reactive care
- 3) the incentive for healthcare providers to lower costs for Virginians otherwise insured due to fewer unpaid emergency care expenses

In addition to these benefits there is, so far, a very real correlation between the lower exchange premiums in states that have moved forward with Medicaid Expansion vs higher exchange premiums in states that have declined such an expansion.

In this case, the right thing to do is also the smart thing to do.

Thank you,
Chris Conley