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Medicaid Expansion

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To: Members of the MIRC Commission <vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov>

Dear Members of the MIRC Commission,

The Medicaid expansion is very concerning to many of the staff working within the hospital setting. We do not turn patients away or release them early if they can't pay the bill. We provide them care like everyone else.

However, this expansion may result in more providers, nurses and other people working in healthcare losing their job and healthcare is a huge part of the workforce. If these people are out of work, who will help pay the increased taxes? Also, the hospitals are in a vulnerable position at this time, due to the already stressed economy, higher expenses (gas, equipment, medications, food, etc) and now the impact of this reform with the expectations of being paid for performance and quality. Many community hospitals will have to cut staff, so how will this improve quality? To drive efficiency we need committed staff that have the support of our leaders in the local, state and federal government.

Sincerely,

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