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Comment - It's important to expand the state Medicaid program. It's a shame we missed the federal support for the coming year, but we should take advantage of the support in subsequent years. People are desperate for medical care, and the current system of having people go the emergency room for reactive care (as opposed to proactive care) is not even penny wise, much less pound foolish. Not only are people sicker when they get to the emergency room (or tie it up needlessly with ailments that could be better handled at urgent care centers), but often times their health suffers long term consequences that make them less productive over the long run. Both of these results of uninsured people end up costing all of us more in the long run, because the care has to be paid for by someone. So those of us with health insurance pay for it, and we're paying for the most inefficient means of health care delivery possible. Aside from all this, it's simply the right thing to do to make sure that people have the health care they need.