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**New MIRC Comment**

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**Comment** - Given the uncertain economic future for the nation and the Commonwealth, it would be irresponsible of the Commonwealth to participate in the expansion of Medicaid in Virginia. Government subsidies for the expansion will terminate quickly and revenues within the state are likely to drop when Virginia's coal mines fall under the new EPA guidelines. Our state requires a balanced budget. We should not jeopardize all other aspects of state financial responsibility in order to expand the eligibility for Medicaid to people for whom the program was not designed initially. Entitlement programs are jeopardizing the financial stability of our nation. While our intentions to help those in need are good, continuing to expend the definition of "those in need" can make it impossible to help anyone or even to fulfill the Constitutionally dictated responsibilities of the Commonwealth's government. Do not vote to expand Medicaid eligibility at this time, if ever.