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**About file** - Here in Rockbridge County VA, there is only ONE Doctor office that will take Medicaid patients. Many lost their long-term doctors and have to drive a long ways to the new practice. This practice takes months and lots of calls to accept new patients. The so called Medicaid "Advantage Plans" have been harmful to patients. There are too many plans to choose from and Doctors offices just decided that it was too much hassle to apply for them all so stopped taking any of them. It also bothers me that I hear advertisements about the plans. That costs money and WHY not put that money towards healthcare instead of radio stations, etc. If other counties are like ours, and the Affordable Health Care act allows more to have insurance, where can they all see a Doctor that will accept them? I am worried that ER's will be seeing more people when there are shortages of Dr Offices that take Medicaid. Thank you for asking for input and hope Medicaid services can improve!