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Comment - MEMORANDUM To: Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission From: Russell K. Snyder President/CEO, Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc. Re: Medicaid Expansion Date: October 15, 2013 On behalf of Volunteers of America Chesapeake, and the thousands of needy Virginians we serve daily, I am writing to express our support for legislation already adopted by the General Assembly to adopt reforms that would accommodate expansion of the Medicaid program consistent with the federal Affordable Care Act. We are a faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is inspire self-reliance, dignity and hope through health and human services. Nationally, Volunteers of America is one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive human services organizations. With 31 programs across Virginia and the region, Volunteers of America Chesapeake annually helps nearly 11,000 people in need, including the homeless; individuals with mental illness or intellectual disabilities; and those in need of affordable housing, recovering from substance abuse addiction or involved in community corrections. We focus particularly on programs to assist veterans in distress. To maximize our positive impact, our 700-person staff works with more than 2,000 volunteers and coordinates our efforts with numerous other local agencies and organizations. In connection with our mission, we interact intensively with the Medicaid program and its beneficiaries. Accordingly, we write today in support of the bipartisan roadmap toward Medicaid expansion, which we believe would provide coverage for hundreds of thousands of currently uninsured Virginians and ensure billions of dollars in federal financial support for health care in Virginia – not to mention the positive ripple effects for the state's economy and tax revenues. We are certain that Medicaid expansion would enhance our own capacity to provide human services in communities across Virginia. While this debate understandably inflames passions on all sides of the issue, we urge you to help forge a bipartisan effort that best serves the critical health needs of our fellow Virginians. We appreciate the Commission's work to resolve these matters and hope you will call on Volunteers of America Chesapeake if we can help in any way.

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