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Comment - Commission staff, Please note this is a resubmitted comment letter that corrects an error in the original submission. Thank you for your understanding.



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Dear Chairman Hanger and Members of the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission:

My name is Donald Brideau, I am the Interim CEO of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and have been a family care physician in this area for 21 years. Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is a 237 bed not-for-profit hospital in Alexandria, VA. We have 1,100 employees who provide high quality, compassionate care to 88,000 patients in our community each year, many of whom lack the financial resources to obtain affordable healthcare coverage. I appreciate the important work of this commission and am grateful for the opportunity to express why Medicaid coverage expansion, coupled with program reform, is vital to my hospital and to the community we serve.

At Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, we care for our neighbors in the community without regard for their ability to pay. Last year, we saw 5,700 indigent patients in our hospital at an uncompensated cost of \$6.7 million. This care, though vital to the health of the neediest in our community, is routinely provided in the Emergency Department – an expensive and inefficient venue to provide primary care.

It is clear the reforms to the Medicaid program sought by DMAS will have a significant effect on the program's future viability. Medicaid coverage expansion will have a significant effect on the community we serve 24/7/365. On behalf of the dedicated medical professionals and staff of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, I urge you to approve Medicaid coverage expansion so the neediest in our community, and 400,000 other hard-working Virginians, can have access to the kind of quality healthcare coverage that keeps people healthy, financially secure, and out of the hospital.

Sincerely,



Donald Brideau, MD
Interim Chief Executive Officer/Chief Medical Officer