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## Medicaid expansion

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reasons to not expand Medicaid for Virginia

- 1- not enough re-imburement- fewer than 1 in 4 doctors currently take Medicaid pts ( the AHA will say that something is better than nothing which is wrong- fix the problem in a real way, do not just patch it)- access will not improve except in the ER (the most expensive place to get care)
- 2- the biggest cost to the state is not for insuring the poor but covering long term care (33% of expenses)
- 3- once the state takes the money, the federal govt will set what is covered and not covered eventually with out considering the needs of Virginians
- 4- it is disingenuous to say the money will go to other states, the money from the federal govt will just be used in the exchanges to supplement premiums