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## New MIRC Comment

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**Comment** - As a public health retiree, I support expansion of Medicaid to cover low income residents of VA. A disabled person living on \$1200 in SS disability benefits does not qualify outright for Medicaid and can have a spenddown of \$5000 or more within a 6 month period before qualifying for Medicaid coverage. This is only one of many examples of residents who struggle to cover their medical bills and many are left with significant medical debts that affect their ability to keep their rent, utilities and other bills paid. We can afford to provide Medicaid for persons living on incomes at or below 100% of the federal poverty guidelines. Please give serious consideration to this issue.