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Comment - PATHS operates four federally qualified health centers in Southside Virginia. Our service area remains among the highest in the state in regards to unemployment. Along with unemployments comes an overall change in lifestyle, the least of which is healthcare. We see everyday the results of not getting on-going quality healthcare. Our uninsured patients are more medically involved which drives up the cost of healthcare for everyone. One of the issues facing all FQHC's in Virginia is the fact that we will still have thousands of patients who will not qualify for health insurance under the new healthcare reform if Virginia does not expand Medicaid. To not expand Medicaid will not only impact the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, but it sends a message that we as a Commonwealth do not care about them. When you have to make a choice between putting food on the table or paying for health care it is not an option. Please encourage our representatives in the General Assembly to expand Medicaid so these thousands of Virginians will have access.