



New MIRC Comment

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Comment - I encourage the MIRC to provide for expansion of Medicaid as stipulated within the guises of the Affordable Care Act. I believe that this will help those citizens within our Commonwealth who are most in need and that we have a societal obligation to do so as there are structures in place (e.g., business practices, recession, a move in our country to have more low-paying services jobs, cultural biases, lack of quality education, etc.) that make it difficult for some to have adequate health care. This will help those in need until long term solutions can be created for those other systemic issues. I think that this can be paid for initially with money from the Federal Government. Additionally, as more individuals opt into a health care system (both medicaid, medicare (as our population gets older), and the exchanges, the state governments can have some leverage with health care facilities to help rein in the cost of health care providing additional savings. Finally, I think that there should be a small progressive tax that can offset the additional cost. I would not imagine that this would be too pricey. Also it is worth considering a sin tax (increase in taxes on cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, alcohol, fast food) as these are all shown to be linked to poor health.