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Dear Members of the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission,

Please protect the vulnerable and expand the Medicaid eligible population to 133% of the Federal Poverty level (a single adult making \$15,281 a year). Access to affordable health care is a basic human right and should be available to all. Currently Virginia has among the strictest eligibility criteria in the country and ranks 48<sup>th</sup> in per capita contributions to Medicaid. Healthier Virginians mean overall lower healthcare costs across the state. Thank you for considering my perspective in this important matter.

Optional Comments:

- The Affordable Care Act also eliminates uncompensated care reimbursement to hospitals. Without Medicaid expansion, hospitals will be left to completely cover those costs for the most vulnerable patients.
- According to a Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association study, Medicaid expansion in Virginia would provide an economic boost of some \$3.9 billion annually and create an estimated 30,000 new jobs in the Commonwealth.
- Without Medicaid expansion, Virginia residents' federal tax dollars will leave Virginia and benefit states expanding Medicaid.

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