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## New MIRC Comment

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**Comment** - Virginia's extremely low income residents cannot afford health insurance and are excluded from Medicaid because of the state's low qualifying income. Virginia has a high number of Free Clinics, as a result, trying to provide basic health care to this population. In Arlington our Free Clinic does heroic work, but has to hold a lottery to choose maybe a dozen applicants from more than one hundred every other week. Our emergency rooms take up the slack, but that is very expensive basic health care. Please recommend the Medicaid expansion for Virginia so we can provide reliable health care to our low income population. We have a gap between those who earn too much to receive Medicaid, but too little to qualify to purchase health insurance with subsidy on the insurance exchanges under the Affordable Healthcare Act. Virginia should not turn her back on this population of adults and children needing health care. We can improve their lives, and create up to 30,000 jobs while we are at it.