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## New MIRC Comment

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**Comment** - If VA does not expand Medicaid coverage, it will not only unfairly penalize VA's working poor, but also put a heavier financial burden on non-poor VA taxpayers who will pay more at hospitals to compensate for the very expensive last-resort ER treatment of the uninsured. Medicaid is an extremely flawed program, but even with all the flaws, expanding the program is better for the state in the long run. In the future, VAs citizens and medical facilities will find it harder to compete with those in surrounding states that have accepted the Medicaid funds, as VA would continue to experience the economic burden from the uninsured.