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Promoting Medicaid Expansion

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To: Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission <vamirc@mirc.virginia.gov>

Dear Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission,

I am a pediatrician working in a rural portion of northern Va, and have seen a number of parents unable to afford health insurance. Many are farmers, craftsmen, or independent contractors. As a result, a number of children cannot receive proper medical coverage as the family does not quite qualify for Medicaid either.

Many of these children have chronic conditions, such as asthma, attention deficit disorder, allergy, and many others, that require physician visits to avoid major issues. Furthermore, proper checkups look for learning delays and other developmental issues that could extend long into adulthood.

If we want our children to grow up to be fruitful, contributing adults, they have to have access to good medical care now. Too often children are considered "low hanging fruit" and their programs are the first cut. This time we need to make sure they are a priority.

Sincerely,

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