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Medicaid Expansion Comment

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The primary reason I support Medicaid expansion in Virginia is because the current Medicaid income limits for Low Income Families with Children in Virginia are so low. Lower paying jobs often do not offer insurance or the cost is prohibitive. Yet when parents with children are employed at these jobs they lose their Medicaid eligibility or only allowed to keep it for a short period of time. There should not be a choice between becoming employed at a minimum wage job or keeping Medicaid, nor should any parent who becomes ill or needs to see a doctor have to quit their job in order to do so. Everyone who receives government assistance should be encouraged to work if able, but they should not be placed in personal jeopardy for attempting to fulfill that requirement. The decision to attempt to better a family's financial situation by accepting a minimum wage job should not be predicated on whether entitlement to Medicaid will be lost.

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