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About file - Medicare was established as a safety net for our citizens who did not have the income to obtain medical care. Putting people on Medicare who have incomes greater than the poverty level in our nation will no longer be a safety net but a government hand-out. It will further encourage our citizens to not take responsibility for their own welfare. Making such an investment in our citizens that provides negative results is not a good idea. Obamacare contains more than 160 new provisions for Medicare that increase government's control over the delivery of care, hits doctors with unsustainable payment cuts and leaves taxpayers with higher deficits. Currently, twenty percent of Virginia's doctors will not take Medicare patients because of the low payment schedule. This situation will get worse if we put more people who are not in poverty on Medicare. Virginia does not need to be a participant in this Medicare expansion. Like the apple in the garden of Eden, it may look nice for the first few years because of Federal payments, but a government \$17 trillion in debt cannot long sustain the increasing costs Medicare costs and will soon drop their Medicare subsidies. Virginia will be faced with taking insurance away from a public now accustomed to the government paying for their care or incurring large increases in our Medicare costs which already take a large portion of the State's expenditures. Do not make the same mistake the Eve and Adam did or Virginians will pay a hugh price.