



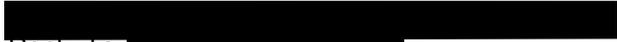
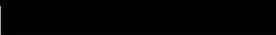
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## New MIRC Comment

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**Comment** - Virginia should expand Medicaid to help those who can not afford insurance.



**Virginia Medicaid in accordance with the ACA.pdf**  
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Virginia should expand Medicaid in accordance with the ACA. It will provide needed health care to people who are too poor to participate in the Fed/State run insurance pool. This does two things. 1) reduce the cost of emergency room care to everyone in the state by reducing the number of uninsured in the state and hospitals will no longer need pass along this cost in the guise of higher cost to everyone else, 2) people will now be able to get care from a doctor for illness and chronic problems that they could not afford without Medicaid. For the state not to participate in this program is placing a long term burden on the people of Virginia by making everyone's insurance cost higher to pay for the more expensive emergency room care for the critically ill when the illness may have been taken care of much earlier and cheaper at a doctor's office.