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Comment - I am a first time mother, going into my second trimester. I have been denied Medicaid based on that my income exceeds the eligibility requirements. My husband and I make enough to pay our rent and bills, but not near enough to pay out of pocket for prenatal care (office visits cost anywhere from 1,000 to 1,500 dollars) or for private insurance that covers maternity care. We both work hard and pay taxes and yet cannot receive any help from a system that we pay into. We don't want food stamps, energy assistance or help with our rent, we simply want healthcare assistance to help us in getting medical treatment for our unborn child. The expansion of Medicaid would allow us a chance to see an affordable doctor and get the care I and my baby so desperately need.