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October 14, 2013

The Honorable Emmett Hanger
Chairman
Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission
Commonwealth of Virginia
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Commission Members:

I write in support of Medicaid expansion in Virginia. I am the CEO of Chippenham & Johnston-Willis Hospitals, which are part of the HCA Virginia Health System. Our facilities serve residents in Central Virginia and we employ approximately 3,300 people in the local community.

As one of the largest providers of uncompensated care in Central Virginia, Chippenham & Johnston-Willis Hospitals, along with our other area HCA Virginia facilities – Henrico Doctors’ Hospitals, Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center and John Randolph Medical Center – provided more than \$497 million in charity and uncompensated care in 2012. Many of the patients we treat, and those throughout the region, would benefit from increased access to health care and the expansion of the Medicaid program in Virginia is one way to accomplish that goal.

Along with expansion we support reform of the current Medicaid program, but reforms to the current Medicaid program are already underway and there is no reason to wait until fully implemented to start the implementation of an expanded Medicaid program.

Hospitals like ours are continuing to experience funding cuts in other federal programs under the Affordable Care Act. Not expanding Medicaid increases the impact of these cuts and strains the delivery of existing services and access to care.

I urge the Commission to allow the Medicaid program to expand while the state implements significant reforms to the current Medicaid system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim McManus".

Tim McManus, CEO
Chippenham & Johnston-Willis Hospitals