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**Comment** - I urge Virginia lawmakers not to approve Medicaid expansion because our Federal Government cannot be trusted to continue funding states for expanded enrollments. Note the reference to temporarily increased" in the AP press release below: By ASSOCIATED PRESS | SEPTEMBER 25, 2013 AT 3:48 PM Topics: Maine Medicare and Medicaid Entitlements Food Stamps-Maine Gov. Paul LePage says scheduled reductions to the national food stamps program prove the state can't rely on the federal government to pay for a Medicaid expansion. (AP/Robert F. Bukaty) Maine AUGUSTA, Maine — Gov. Paul LePage says scheduled reductions to the national food stamps program prove the state can't rely on the federal government to pay for a Medicaid expansion. The Republican governor released a statement Tuesday regarding reductions to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, expected to kick in Nov. 1. The program was temporarily increased under the federal stimulus package. LePage says the federal government continues to reduce its share of Medicaid payments. He says there's no evidence it "will keep its promise of 'free' welfare expansion."

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