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## New MIRC Comment

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**Organization Name** - Virginia Assoc. of Free & Charitable Clinics

**Comment** - The Va. Association of Free & Charitable Clinics SUPPORTS Medicaid Expansion because it will provide improved access to health services for over 420,000 individuals living below 138% FPL. These are individuals who may or may not be currently served by a free clinic or community health center. There are many reasons to expand Medicaid including: Access to prevention services, affordable prescriptions, improved health for employers and the community. The United Nations has had a focus on improving health as a means to end (or reduce) poverty for years. Don't we want to eliminate poverty in the Commonwealth? With so many Virginians living at/near poverty levels (1 in 10) according to the Council on Virginia's Future, Virginia is well positioned to make a positive step forward to improving the health of our citizens by EXPANDING MEDICAID. Thank you.