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No to Medicaid Expansion

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Virginia should just say NO to Medicaid expansion.

Studies show that up to 75% of the expansion population already have private insurance through an employer. People with private insurance get better care than those on Medicaid. Why would we want to force many with previously good insurance into a program with fewer doctors, longer waits, less care, and poorer outcomes?

In addition, the new population is largely single, non-disabled adults with higher incomes than the people currently in the program. People already in the program, including the disabled and children, need Medicaid more - yet they will be crowded out by the new enrollees, and have to compete with them for care. The most needy will have to wait even longer than they do now, especially with decreasing numbers of physicians taking Medicaid patients due to heavy workloads and low compensation. Faced with an even greater workload, we expect the number of participating physicians to decrease further.

So expansion creates two bad situations - people with better care currently will be forced into lesser care, and the most needy will have to wait even longer than they do now.

This is not the way we want to go.

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