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Comment - Dear MIRC Commission, I am writing to urge the commission to expand Medicaid in Virginia. Expansion is necessary to ensure that thousands of adults with mental health disorders gain access to mental health care. During the past year alone, six in ten adults experiencing serious mental illness went without mental health care, in large part due to having no insurance. Under Virginia's current strict eligibility, thousands of low-income adults who live with mental illness do not qualify for Medicaid. Expansion will change that. Personally we were fortunate enough to have good insurance that helped us acquire services for our mentally ill daughter when she was still covered by it, and we were well aware of the long waiting lists that others experienced who did not happen to be in the right place at the right time, regardless of their insurance coverage. It has often been a cliff-hanging experience for us. Even though Virginia already spends millions of dollars through the state General Fund to provide health care for people who are uninsured we still fall short of providing needed coverage. Medicaid expansion would be the cost-effective way available to provide more adequate coverage. Sincerely, William Dent