Did you know that expanding Medicaid will ensure that 400,000 lower-income, working Virginians will get the health care coverage that they need but cannot afford? But there are other benefits of expansion too!

**Medicaid expansion:**
- Will increase the number of insured people in Virginia, giving people access to preventive care and earlier interventions in illness, which saves lives and money.
- Is fully-funded by the federal government through 2016 by taxes that are already in place. If Virginia chooses not to expand, we still pay the taxes, but see no return on our investment.
- Will bring about 30,000 jobs to Virginia and add $2 billion a year to our economy.
- Ensure that people who fall into the “Medicaid gap” will not be left out of our health care system simply because they cannot afford to pay. An individual falls in the “Medicaid gap” when they make too much money to qualify for the current Medicaid program, but not enough to qualify for subsidies to purchase insurance on the Health Insurance Marketplace through the Affordable Care Act.
- Is the right thing to do.

You can make a difference on this important issue. Call your legislators and tell them to expand Medicaid without delay. Make sure you vote.

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