

Expansion of Medicaid in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Failure to expand Medicaid in Virginia has created an unnecessary gap in coverage for over 400,000 Virginians and has deprived them of over \$10 billion in federal funding for their healthcare. In addition, Virginia residents have been paying the full taxes specified by the ACA but have not received the benefits. Other Republican-controlled states have either already expanded Medicaid or will be expanding Medicaid, indicating a national momentum in favor of Medicaid expansion.

RESOLVED, that on May 20, 2017 the Virginia Eighth District Democratic Convention:

1. Affirms that healthcare is a human right to be afforded to all Americans;
2. Supports Virginia Governor Terence Richard “Terry” McAuliffe’s proposed amendment to the state budget to set the expansion of Medicaid in motion; and
3. Believes Virginia cannot afford to be left behind by continuing to not expand Medicaid.