DISTRICT 19 COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

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Mr. Thomas L. Mattis
City Manager
City of Colonial Heights
201 James Avenue
Colonial Heights, VA 23834

Dear Mr. Mattis:

District 19 Community Services Board adopted the attached resolution at the December 6, 2012 meeting and has authorized me to request that the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia adopt a similar resolution and make this item part of your localities legislative agenda.

Please find a sample resolution that we have prepared that you could use. I am also attaching some additional information regarding Medicaid Expansion and the potential positive impact it would have on the citizens served by District 19.

If I can provide you any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Hubbard

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Attachments

TO REQUEST THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT THE FULL EXPANSION OF MEDICAID AS PROVIDED BY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

WHEREAS the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia represents all the citizens of Colonial Heights; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's decision protects a state from losing all its Medicaid federal matching dollars for its current Medicaid program if it fails to implement the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's Medicaid program, despite its costs, ranks 47th when compared to the other states; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion changes this by establishing a new national income eligibility level at 133% Federal Poverty Level; and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid expansion is also an enormous benefit for the economy of Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Colonial Heights, Virginia, that the General Assembly and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia are requested to take action in connection with the next regular session of the General Assembly of Virginia to fully accept, implement, and enact the Medicaid Expansion of the Affordable Care Act.

New Business Item B. - Medicaid Expansion Resolution

The Board is being asked to adopt the Resolution attached and authorize the Executive Director to seek approval from each of our localities and ask that this become part of their legislative agendas.

Based on our initial analysis approximately 2300 consumers currently being served by District 19 may become eligible for Medicaid if Virginia takes advantage of the provisions of the affordable care act and expands Medicaid from the current Federal Poverty Level (FPL) of 80% to the allowable new percentage of 138% FPL. Virginia currently ranks 47/50 in the United States in terms of their Medicaid Eligibility. The current FPL is $11,170 for a one person household and up to $23,050 for a family of four.

	Currently in Virginia	With Medicaid Expansion
Limit On Income Single	**$11,170 x 80% = $ 8,936**	**$11,170 x 138% = $15,414**
Family of Four	**$23,050 x 80% = $18,440**	**$23,050 x 138% = $31,809**

If Virginia opts not to take advantage of Medicaid Expansion our federal tax dollars will be utilized to effectively fund the expansion in other states that have opted in.

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WHEREAS District 19 Community Services Board serves the citizens of Colonial Heights, Emporia, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Hopewell, Petersburg, Prince George, Surry, and Sussex ; and

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