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## Closing the Coverage Gap - Health Care

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# CLOSING THE COVERAGE GAP

*There are Lives on the Line*

## To get financial help from the Marketplace:

- A family of 3 has to make more than \$20,090
- An individual has to make more than \$11,770

*In most states, if someone makes an income lower than these benchmarks they can still get health insurance by signing up for Medicaid.*

## Virginia's Current Medicaid Eligibility:

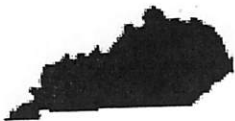
- A family of 3 has to make less than \$7,656\* in order for the parents to qualify
- An adult without a disability or children cannot qualify, no matter how small their income

*Therefore about 200,000 Virginians don't qualify for tax credits in the Marketplace, but also don't qualify for Virginia's restrictive Medicaid program.*



## Closing the coverage gap means:

- more people would get early care for preventable conditions;
- the burden of medical debts on individuals and health care providers would be lessened or eliminated;
- more working parents, veterans, and students would be covered; and
- 400,000 Virginians would get access to more affordable coverage.



Last year, Kentucky, like most of Virginia's other neighboring states, decided to close its coverage gap. Their percentage of uninsured dropped to 9% and is now lower than Virginia's uninsured rate. 22,000 additional Kentuckians received cholesterol screenings last year, while over 26,000 Virginians didn't. 5,600 more Kentucky women received mammograms, and 6,800 Virginia women again missed out. *Shouldn't Virginians have the same chance to get needed health care services?*

If you would like Virginia to close the coverage gap and benefit from our tax dollars, contact your legislators to let them know.

**Find your legislators by visiting [whosmy.viriniageneralassembly.gov](http://whosmy.viriniageneralassembly.gov)**  
***YOU have the power to close the coverage gap in Virginia. There are lives on the line.***

\*True for most localities. See The Commonwealth Institute's Medicaid Chartbook for income levels for each locality.

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