

Thanks to VIM staffers

Reassured VIM is there

To the editor:

It is anyone's guess where we are headed with health care under our new president and Congress. The future of HIP 2.0, Indiana's version of Medicaid, is equally unknown since the program approval expires in 2018 and must be renegotiated with the federal government this year.

As a board member of the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic (VIM), I get a glimpse of what happens to people who are simply unable to afford any kind of health insurance, or cannot obtain it because they are not U.S. citizens.

What happens to them, if they are courageous enough to come out of the shadows, is the VIM clinic, where they get free health care with a large dose of compassion and respect. I could be in their shoes if the right mix of catastrophes were to hit my family, as has happened to people I know well.

I am so reassured to know VIM is there and has the support of the hospital and our generous medical community. Thank you to all the kind people who have staffed VIM and all those who have helped serve its mission for the past 10 years.

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