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Hi there,

I have a suggestion to raise the funding pool for HK's medical resources.

Each dependant visa holder (those not married to a permanent resident of HK) should be made to pay a medical bond before being issued with their visa, even if they have medical insurance. The bond should be like \$15,000 as a reserve but can be refunded if they leave HK without having drawn down on it.

If they use up public hospital resources, then this is deducted from their 'reserve'. Otherwise it is refunded when their visa expires/not renewed.

I know of so many examples of such expatriate dependants who get pregnant and give birth in the public hospital and they laugh at the fact they only had to pay a HK\$1500 bill for the excellent level of medical care they received.

Clearly, if they are coming here they should be able to abstain from using HK's resources. Afterall, the whole point of the expatriates who come to work in HK is to be able to provide net benefits to HK and not financially contribute a net overall gain of only a few thousand dollars a year in taxes, if their dependants end up draining HK's medical resources.

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Thank you

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