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Dear Sir/Mdm:

Please do not adopt any compulsory measures to subsidize the medical service now. It will only boost up the public service and finally bankrupt all the middle class people's pocket. This is what hospital authority has done before. The 6th proposal (compulsory medical savings) will only set up a Mega HA which will dominate all public and private pricing (socialist system which failed in China already) and the tax payer/ middle class will have to pay more and we will drop into a blackhole. It may start as 3% now but will exponentially raise up after starting the compulsory subsidizing scheme since everyone will try to use up his savings asap but not to wait for years later that they are really fragile!! Finally, the government has to inject a rather large sum of money later on to pay for the debt. It happened in Taiwan and the US before and now.

I think the most practical way is to invite people to have voluntary medical insurance and the government deducts tax for it. ASK the insurance company to provide NCB, like the car insurance , individually. For the government /HA, it should tell the public what services they can provide (esp emergency). But not to give the public false hope that to start on multiple inovative technologies and expensive drugs to satisfy a particular gp of people. We should limit the expensive services in the government hospitals and focus on primary prevention and massive disatrous disesas. We should leave the university hospitals and private hospitals to take up expensive and innovative services and technologies.

For the general poor public, we should continue our existing system and use the scrutiny methods , like Samaritan Fund, to watch every dollar spent.

Regards
An HA specialist doctor