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Subject Views on Healthcare Reform

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I have the following comments on the Healthcare Reform :

- 1) Being a chronic patient requires long term follow-ups at hospitals under HKHA, I would like the govt to give priority to this patient group and to continue the low cost subsidized public healthcare services despite the increasing burden on healthcare finance.
- 2) Being a tax-payer, I would like any increase in tax payment for public health services be saved for the use of our generation in future. The elderly or the current aging generation have been enjoying low tax rate when they were the working population and tax payers decades ago. So for overall social fairness, they should bear their own medical expenses now reaching the old ages, either from own savings, by financial subsidiary from their children or enjoy lower quality health services.
- 3) As for the Healthcare Reform, I think the Govt should encourage voluntary health insurance for the young generation and develop referral system to private health services (for patient to enjoy private services at lower cost) as long term strategies to relieve the pressure on public health services and improve overall healthcare quality. The subsidized public health services should be prioritized for the unfortunate chronic patient group who are not able to buy medical insurance and cannot enjoy expensive but faster private health services without the protection of medical insurance.