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I have the following comments and suggestions regarding health care reform

(1) the number of obstetric beds in public and private should be increased to cope with the increasing number of delivery in Hong Kong

(2) government can consider giving some "coupons" for pregnant women to see either public or private doctor. This may indirectly encourage more local people to consider having a larger size family (to decrease the dependency ratio in the future). In HA there is already an computer platform (Antenatal Record System) whereby HA doctors can interact with MCHC doctors and selected private doctors and patients can be seen according to a pre-set protocol.

(3) government should consider giving some health check up coupon to women (e.g. regular pap smear, breast cancer screening, HPV vaccination etc)

(4) the charge of some the government service is unreasonably low e.g. no charge for antenatal and postnatal care and \$1 for family planning service in MCHC. With a modest increase in the SOPD charge, the chance of abuse and duplication of service (e.g. patient seen both by private and public doctor) can be reduced, thus releasing the clinic quota to poorer patients.

(5) if government would implement mandatory insurance, O&G disease should all be covered. At present, some of the O&G diseases e.g. pregnancy, pregnancy related diseases, infertility are not covered.

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