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Social health insurance: NOT supported

Income-linked is unfair to the higher income group. Tax is already income linked. Higher income group is excluded from many benefits. Higher income may have more health problem as a result of earning the higher income.

Out-of-pocket payments: NOT supported

This is a free market system which does not have any benefits as a result of absence of a healthcare structure.

Medical savings accounts: may consider and may be in combination with one or more of the options below

There are no suggestions in the document of what to do if a) savings are insufficient b) there are left-overs c) those who don't have savings

Voluntary private health insurance: may support

Government needs to provide incentives, e.g., tax rebate

Mandatory private health insurance: may consider and may be in combination with one or more of the other feasible options

A system must be in place whereby the government can ensure that both the insurance offered and the administration of the insurance are proper

Personal healthcare reserve: may consider and may be in combination with one or more of the other feasible options

This is a combination of 3rd and 5th options above. It has the disadvantages and shelter offered by both.

My rating (higher preference>lower): voluntary private insurance > saving, mandatory insurance, personal healthcare reserve