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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am tending to choose Option with own self-expense on public medical service. That is preferred with increasing medical rate in public medical service.

I am growing in poverty family. I live in Public Housing at childhood stage. I am also subjected to long term medicine-taken to maintain good respiratory health. My job is relating to factory background. Around 1997, many factories move to north, heading towards Mainland China. I also move to Mainland and station outside Hong Kong border. Taking medical leave during working period is not good solution to both employer and me. So I choose to consult doctor during weekend. Since I have to stay outside Hong Kong, I choose to consult doctor in Mainland China while save travelling cost back to Hong Kong and taking time to take rest. However, my health situation is worsening. It may said that it is composed with work pressure, factory working environment and subjecting to different working ethics between Mainland people and Hong Kong workers(though we are same as Chinese). It is also same in medical philosophy between Mainland China and Hong Kong, but it is more entrusted with Hong Kong medical system. So I decide to resign and move back to Hong Kong. I consult doctor in public clinic and private doctor. Now actually, my health is improving with decreasing rate in consulting doctor and taking lesser medicine. My job is tutor in tutoring center in which working period is in afternoon. Though my salary is around/under \$5000 with helping from other family member, it is fair like my case to take self medical expense. More, I have chance to borrow money and make financial arrangement to complete any Higher degree course STEP BY STEP.(Hong Kong have good banking and financial system!!)

If option with self-expense is chosen, I am confident in trusting government in handling medical system with fairness and continuous improvement. If considering those in need, tailored or better scheme in social welfare will work out simultaneously to suit the needs.

Though it may argue that I am not current tax-payer, I grow in Hong Kong, taking voluntary service in spare and having to pay tax in past. I have not subjected to any benefit from Hong Kong social welfare department to support my medical expense via my growing life.

Comparing to education system in Hong Kong, it is moved with 12-years free education. Other options of

medical care reforms in financing seem moving backward, not STEP-BY-STEP approach and having great revolution. It is working towards another "financial system" to support medical expenses. Comparing to other Western countries, it is in fact accomplished with good wage system, social security system and sophisticated taxation system (comparing with Hong Kong taxation system as fair and simple)

In short, I will choose option self-expense with fair, simple, step-by-step, entrusting and continuous improvement principles.

Thank you for kind attention. Looking forward to your advice or any discussing issue

Regards,  
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