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Subject Objection to the implementation of the financing options for the health care reform

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Dear Sir,

I would like to express my objection to all the six financing options for the health care reform. It is reckoned that all these could not help to solve the health care problems and in fact these create unfairness to those middle class citizens who always have to pay but get nothing from the Government!!!

As a middle class, we have to pay for the MPF, tax and if this health care reform is implemented, we have to pay 20% of our income which is considered unacceptable. It's my opinion that the Government should implement the Goods and Services Tax so as to cover the increase in the medical expenses. This has the following advantages.

1. Everyone have to pay for maintaining their health, so this is fair to all citizens.
2. This will avoid those people who try their best to maintain their health condition (e.g. to limit the intake of unhealthy food, to do exercise, to cease smoking and other habits which could affect their health) to subsidize those people who do not care about their health and just rely on the Government to provide ill-curing service for them.
3. The implementation of the centralized medical insurance system will definitely caused the employer to cut the medical benefit to their employees. The implementation of MPF is a good example to illustrate this. Upon the implementation of MPF, a lot of employer cut the originally ORSO and therefore they get more profit. The same situation will definitely happen for the "Mandatory Medical Scheme" and finally the beneficiary will again be the employer.
4. With the increase in medical fee, people will try to think to improve their health condition in order to avoid paying the huge hospital expense. This can help to relief the pressure on the HK hospitals.

For those low income group, the Government should provide subsidize for them.

Please note that the implementation of any one of the six financial options is definitely not acceptable to the middle class!!! The Government must seriously consider our comment. Otherwise the we, in one day, may come out to fight against the Government!!!

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