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The Secretary,  
Food, Health Bureau,  
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**Re: Response to "Your Health Your Life" – Healthcare Reform Consultation**

First of all, I wish to thank the Food and Health Bureau to put up a comprehensive proposal for the healthcare advancement for the people of Hong Kong.

I write to you on behalf of the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital to express my views on the consultation paper. Our hospital is most grateful for the opportunity to express our views for your kind consideration.

This letter hopefully serves as a reference for the further improvement of your roadmap which will eventually lead all the Hong Kong people to live a healthy life style.

The vision & mission of Hong Kong Adventist Health, with two Hospital setups both in the Hong Kong Island and the Tsuen Wan District, is having the holistic health concept in providing care and in support of preventive medicine.

We promote and promulgate "healthy lifestyle" habits to all citizens in Hong Kong and truly believe as a result of providing effective system of preventive medicine and primary care services, hospital care costs can be reduced as a whole.

In this connection, we propose the following:

We believe that the Government needs to deploy resources to improve the existing primary healthcare services at the community setting through the following suggestions:

The Government needs to:

1. promote public private interface healthcare services using money-follow-patient concept to
  - a) promote "healthy lifestyle" habits with private healthcare providers
  - b) subsidize senior citizens and the needy to attend the geriatric health clinics.

- c) subsidize patients with health insurance premium to attend private family medicine clinics
2. Develop primary healthcare goals and set up uniform healthcare quality standards for all hospitals in Hong Kong to prevent risks to patients.
  3. Provide Hong Kong wide Information Technology supports to all healthcare providers so that access to patient health database can be standardized and can be shared for enhancing primary healthcare provision and practice of preventative medicine at lower overall costs.
  4. Set up a competitive scheme for public and private healthcare providers in the health maintenance of chronic diseases patients.
  5. Adopt multi-cultural approach to allow practice of preventive and alternative medicine.
  6. Relax referral of ancillary services, restrict dispensing of drugs to hospital and pharmacies, keep transparency of service fees & charges so that healthy competition among healthcare professionals can be achieved.
  7. Subsidize private sector and professional bodies in public health education and enhance the role of Department of Health in public health maintenance, diseases prevention, and registration of health products.

To conclude, we expect the government plays an overall leadership role to implement an insurance system to cater for primary healthcare needs and the public care system should bear the responsibility to provide the comprehensive treatment care to the patients with catastrophic diseases.

Sincerely Yours,

  
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