

**Hong Kong Women Doctors Association
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We agree with the objectives of Health Protection Scheme (HPS). For the HPS to be successful, we suggest the following to be include in the Action Plan:

1. Project the drain of healthcare manpower from the public to the private.
2. Project the number of patients who will be downloaded from the public to the private.
3. Project how much private healthcare service capacity will be taken up by mainland patients.

Without the information in 1,2 and 3, it is difficult to plan actions to achieve public private balance in terms of demand and service provision.

4. A system in place to prevent overservicing in the private sector. Is the treatment necessary? Regulations mentioned only cover fees and charging to protect users from being overcharged.
5. Will the government intervene when a private health insurer providing HPS is in financial difficulty.
6. After the HPS has been implemented, add more features like incentives in living healthy lifestyle by offering premium discount and family package, eg. Quit smoking, weight reduction, diabetes control, hypertension control.
7. Time line in implementation of HPS.