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Comment on Health Reform on the phrase II Public Consultation on 11th Dec 2010.

1 Transparent: After reviewing the documents provided, little information was on the background leading to this Health Reform. Was there any limitation on resources? How would these resources limits affect our system in future? Obviously, if there is no resources issue, our current system is not bad at all comparing to the peer group and we may not need to have the reform. Otherwise, our Government should give all the related information for the general public. Transparency would help the pubic to know the problem better or even help the public to suggest solution. This what we say "三個臭皮象勝於一個諸葛亮". Medical issue is a highly specialize area, general public are hard to understand the scenario thoroughly, better communication would help to reduce misunderstanding and would be critical for the success of the reform. If the general public does not understand, it would sure receive challenges in the forth coming future.

2 Exit Plan: The proposal of capping the loading for HRP and elderly are mathematically risky as the current medical cost elevate exponentially. The 50 billion seed money, may not last long. The situation may get even worst when a short cut for abuse is found. However good a system is, there still be point of weakness. So, would there be an exit if the project is found unsatisfactory. A small scale trail and a retreat plan must be considered.

3 Reduce the Impact: As the public sector responsible to a major portion of the market. Any policy change may have a significant impact on the service providers as well as the service receivers. Government should make every effort to minimize the impact to the providers and the general public.

4 Fairness: We are glad to know that Government is putting more emphasis on health care services. As money is belonged to all citizens, we insist the use of this money should base on a fair to all principle.