

Analysis and Critiques on the Regulations Regarding Medical care assurance for the Economically Deprived in National Health Insurance Law

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Abstract

Medical care assurance for the economically deprived is undoubtedly an essential responsibility of social welfare states which are obligated to look after their people. Since the operation in 1995, the National Health Insurance (NHI) has placed all the people under its protection through the adoption of a compulsory system, and has lowered each individual's financial burden by the separation of total risk. Though the practice of the compulsory system ensured medical care for all on the one hand, it obligates the people to pay their premium on the other. In this study, we shall analyze and criticize the contents of the regulations and complementary measures that are related to the problem of "medical care assurance for the economically deprived", some remarks and suggestions will also be raised as well.

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