

**Right to accessing health service under National Health Security scheme, Social Security Scheme  
and Civil Servant Medical Benefit Scheme**

The Cabinet meeting on 30, July B.E. 2556 (2013) passed a resolution to agree with the National Human Rights Commission's recommendations on right to health services under National Health Security Scheme (Universal Health Coverage Scheme), Social Scheme and Civil Servant Medical Benefit Scheme. The resolution's detail were as the followings:

1. Acknowledged the National Human Rights Commission's Recommendations
2. Passed the recommendations to relevant authorities including Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Public Health, the Council of State, Office of Civil Service Commission, to considerably apply the mentioned recommendations to their authorities and functions written in relevant laws, rules and cabinet's resolutions, while considering the Office of the National Economic and Social Development's comments. If any laws or regulations are needed to be amended, the relevant authorities in collaboration with the Council of State should study the detail before submit the study to the Cabinet.

In brief, the National Human Rights Commission's recommendations are:

1. Recommendations related to policy making:
  - 1.1 Review the current approaches and methods used for providing the healthcare and medical services including such services system to ensure that both services and systems will be provided and implemented basing on the equality principle. All the services under the National Health Security Scheme will be treated as the fundamental services for the other schemes. The roles between service provider and service recipient will separate from each other.
  - 1.2 Review policies and approaches to providing Medical Benefit Schemes for all types of civil servant and public official to comply with ICESCR article 12 and the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2550 (2007) articles 51 and 80 (2)
  - 1.3 Review methods and the amount of money subsidizing to service units or their networking units in communities while supporting the concept of paying compensation for patients who suffering from medical care.

2. Recommendation related to amending laws:

- 2.1 Accelerate the promulgation of Royal Decree under National Health Security Act B.E. 2545 (2002) articles 9 and 10 or amend the content of those articles or other articles of the same Act which will be the obstacles to effectively accessing to at least minimum standards of the healthcare and medical services.
- 2.2 Encourage the Parliament to pass the relevant healthcare and medical service bills including Protecting Injured Persons from Medical Services Bill and the amended Social Security Bill, etc.
- 2.3 Amend Royal Decree on Civil Servant Medical Benefit B.E. 2553 (2000) dealing with the administration of Civil Servant Medical Benefit Scheme as well as add marginalized groups including stateless persons, homeless child and etc. in the list of person who are exempted from paying medical fee of the relevant Notification of Ministry of Public Health.

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