

Government Promotes Inclusion of Mainland Students in Health Insurance System based on Humanitarian Considerations and Human Rights Values

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1. A policy coordination meeting joined by representatives of the Presidential Office, Executive Yuan, and Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) caucus was convened today (October 24, 2016) to discuss the issue of including Mainland Chinese students in the National Health Insurance system. The meeting concluded that, based on humanitarian considerations and human rights values, mainland Chinese students should be included in the health insurance system comparable to the treatment of foreign and overseas Chinese students. The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) stated that it has been the government's consistent position to allow all Mainland students studying in Taiwan to enjoy the same health coverage.

2. Due to limited government resources and consideration of the fairness of social insurance, Mainland, overseas Chinese, and foreign students should all self-pay their health insurance premium.

3. In the future, the MAC and relevant departments will continue communication with and explanation to all sectors of society and, in conjunction with promoting completion of the legislative process, implement the policy of including Mainland students in the health insurance system.