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SIVA: MEDICAL CHECK-UP PROPOSAL TO DETECT AILMENT AT EARLY STAGE

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 30 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs' proposal for civil servants to undergo medical check-up upon reaching the age of 40 is intended to detect ailments in the early stage, its President Datuk N. Siva Subramaniam said.

He said currently many Malaysians including civil servants were suffering from diseases like diabetes and heart-related problems.

This had caused the government to spend millions of ringgit to foot the medical bills of government employees, he said.

"If the ailments can be diagnosed early when they are still young, they need not have to undergo operations but instead be treated with medicine," he said in a statement today.

Besides saving government's money, which had to be spent to pay for heart operations, implementation of the proposal would also help to avoid "congestion" at dialysis centres, he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, when asked to comment on the proposal made by Siva on Friday, said it must be studied carefully so that its objective was transparent and clear to avoid problems in future and was not just to satisfy one or two parties.

Siva said the proposal did not mean that the congress wanted civil servants who are sick to be laid off.

Instead, he said, by having a healthy workforce in the civil service, productivity would increase as they could concentrate on their daily work.

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