

22/10/2002

Cuepacs for insurance plan proposed by MMA

IPOH, Mon. - Cuepacs supports the Malaysian Medical Association's proposal to introduce a community-rated insurance scheme that will provide coverage to all citizens.

Cuepacs president Datuk N. Siva Subramaniam, however, said the Government should incorporate the views of all interest groups before implementing such a scheme.

"We are with the MMA and we hope any national health insurance scheme is managed by the Government and non-profit based," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after attending a Deepavali cultural night organised by a private college at a hotel here yesterday.

Siva Subramaniam said this in response a statement by the MMA National Health Policy Committee chairman Datuk Dr P. Krishnan who said no one should be denied health care just because they could not afford it.

Under the MMA's plan, Dr Krishnan said the young would subsidise the old, and the rich, the poor.

On Oct 11, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said that a national health insurance scheme was needed as the Government would not be able to continue providing funds for the escalating cost of health care.