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# PM: Govt committed to boosting healthcare

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Efforts being made to set up more facilities, says Najib

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**D**ATUK Seri Najib Razak yesterday said the government is committed to improving healthcare services and facilities in the country for the benefit of Malaysians. In a radio broadcast uploaded on his blog, najibrazak.com, the prime minister said the government was working to boost efficiency in the management of the healthcare sector, as well as increase the number of healthcare centres to accommodate more patients.

"The government is concerned

about people's health, and is committed to further developing the healthcare sector in the country.

"We will constantly strive to ensure that people receive quality service at an affordable cost," he said.

"At government hospitals, only RM1 is charged for outpatient treatment, and RM5 is charged for a referral to a specialist clinic."

Najib said medication was provided free of charge, with the government bearing up to 98 per cent of medical costs for Malaysians receiving treatment at public healthcare centres.

"I know that in some hospitals and clinics, patients have to wait a long time to be treated.

"I want to emphasise that the government is working to improve management efficiency and increase the number of healthcare centres," he said.

"I want to stress again that the government is committed towards improving healthcare services in Malaysia."

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**Datuk Seri Najib Razak**