

A Study on Partnership of Public and Private Health Insurance

Since the health insurance coverage reinforcement has become a key issue in Korea health care system, the health care cost management and the partnership between public and private health insurance have become an important policy issue.

Even though private health insurance is closely linked to public insurance and has a great impact on national health expenditure, it is argued that private health insurance causes various problems because it does not set a reasonable role with public health insurance.

Recently, the government has announced the implementation of a new health care policy to reinforce public health insurance protection and secure its sustainability and so it is expected that the government should reestablish the role of private health insurance and strengthen responsibility of insurance companies.

This report aims to suggest the direction of development of private health insurance and the partnership model between public and private sectors. To do this, we review the role sharing between public and private sectors in major countries.

I hope that this report will serve as an contribute to improving the efficiency and sustainability of Korea's health care system.