

Malaysia proposes Healthy Together policy for Cabinet approval

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Sihat Bersama 2030 is the health sector's translated version of the shared prosperity, and the policy involves the improvement of the public and private health care sectors



The Ministry of Health (KKM) Malaysia will file a new policy, known as 'Dasar Sihat Bersama 2030' (healthy together policy), for the approval from the Cabinet in January 2020. The policy outlines three pillars, namely the public sector transformation, private sector regulatory reform and sustainable health financing system.

Minister Datuk Seri Dzulkefly Ahmad said the policy, which is in the form of a long-term plan, is the ministry's main agenda in transforming health system in the country, in line with the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 launched in October 2019. He added, " this is a comprehensive and holistic plan on how healthcare reform is going to be implemented in Malaysia and the policy would emphasis on preventive and promotive healthcare while continuing to enhance the existing healthcare services".

Under the policy, the ministry would also introduce an electronic medical record (EMR) system that stores the record of public health centres' patients across the country.

The EMR data, which leverages big data technology, would be accessible to private medical centres as well as could be utilised for research and decision making regarding public health issues, he added. The use of the digital record is also expected to solve the long waiting time issue at public clinics and hospitals.