

This is an issue between the hospitals and insurance companies, but it doesn't involve the government. The blame falls on some doctors and clinics who abandon humanity and integrity only to double their profit, even at the expense of public health. I don't wish to generalize here, but I began to notice this happening more frequently. I would advise patients who are covered by insurance to be cautious of some doctors' recommendations, and before agreeing to a surgical procedure, get a second opinion.

I recall the first kind of health insurance project in Kuwait which was established by my father, God have mercy on him. From his own pocket, he covered all expenses of two rooms at the Amrikani Hospital to provide free treatment to the poor. In accordance with instructions he left in his will, this support continued after his death until the hospital closed in 1967.

For the great benefit offered by the retirees insurance, I would like to extend my thanks to the government that approved this program, as well as those who contributed in making it happen. I hope someday it will also cover treatment of special cases which are referred for treatment overseas. After all, the Kuwaiti people deserve the best.