My Decision For Model:

For my very first Submission I have used a simple **Decision Tree Regressor Model**, after seeing the accuracy with this model's result, I will add on other features(including XGBoost etc) to improve upon the results.

Major Steps and my Philosophy Involved:

a) Exploring Dataset : Getting to know the data

For my references: Shape, description, info, If any null values, name of columns, dtype of columns etc.

b) Dealing with Null Values:

There are many null values in the training data set: Out of 50882 -- 27334 rows have got null values, deleting all these rows will be a huge loss of data to us.

As many fields contain **categorical values**, I have decided to **replace null values with most frequently occurring attributes** in respective columns using **Mode function**

c) Processing Data - Getting Data Ready for Model:

I thought to use the **One-Hot-Encodin**g, but before going ahead with that, there are 2 columns that are neither string nor float/int, thus i need to process these columns differently.

For these 2 columns, **Health Indicator and Holding_Policy_Duration**, **I** specifically replaced all the unique attributes in the column using a corresponding int value, so as to categorise.

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For Example: For Health Indicator Column, data['Health Indicator'].replace ({"X1":1,"X2":2,"X3":3,"X4":4,"X5":5,"X6":6,"X7":7,"X8":8,"X9":9},inplace=True)
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Processing Other Columns with One-Hot-Encoder:

I have processed the remaining columns by using sklearn Label Encoder.

d) Building the model:

As already mentioned , I used the SKLEARN decision tree regressor as a model for prediction.

e) Next, Obvious steps, Fitting the training data into the model, and making predictions out of it.For now, I have not splitted my training data into test/train, I will first see the result with this, and then make changes if required. **Our results can be overfitted and god knows what!**

I got 0 mean value error : Inclining Towards overfitting!

```
#calculating the mean error
from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error
prediction = model.predict(x)
mean_absolute_error(y, prediction)
#result no error : may have overfitted
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0--- DANGER!

f) Repeating the same processing steps for Test-data

Let's Hope for Good Results!