

# Introduction

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- Public Finance
- Health Economics  $\bullet$ **Area of Research :**
- government intervention in  $\bullet$



## **Research Contribution**

Medicare and Medicaid program in US

### Medicare

- Health insurance program  $\bullet$
- Covers hospital insurance, medical insurance and prescription  $\bullet$

### drug coverage

Medicaid

### insurance market

- Medicaid  $\bullet$
- Medicare

# Effect of Health Insurance

### Medicare would increase:

- Hospital utilization
- Hospital employment and facilities
- Hospital spending
- Hospital technology adoption

# MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN

- Largest health coverage scheme with over 70 million people ightarrow
- Offered by the states and federal to provide health coverage ullet

# Effect of Medicaid Coverage

### Medicaid Coverage

- Reduce the financial risk faced by individuals. ightarrow
- Reduce 40% of borrowing money skipping in medical fee
- Improved health and well-being ightarrow

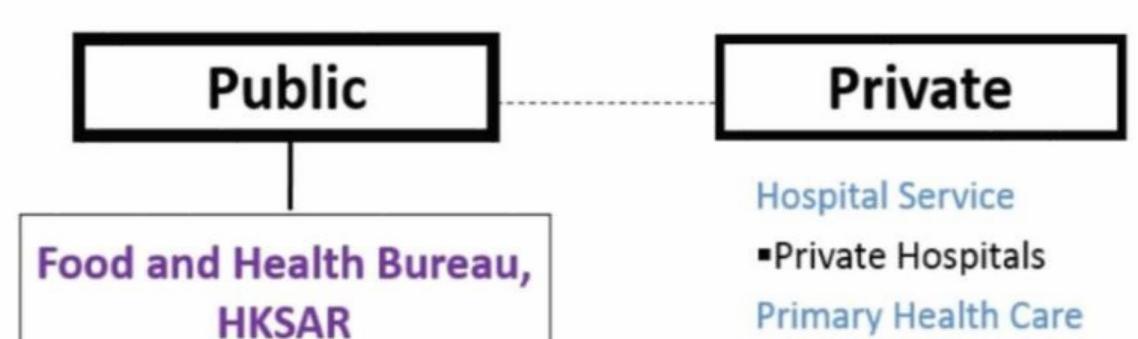
## Effect of Voluntary Health insurance Program



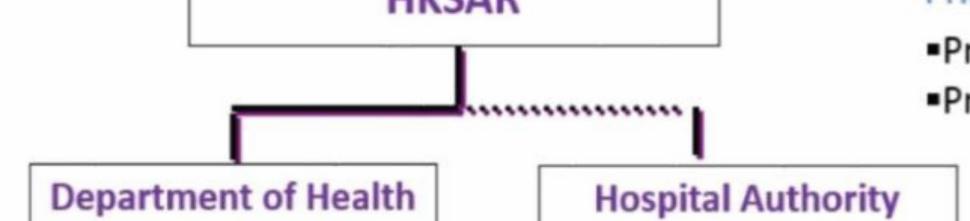
For society, Medicare would

- Reduce financial payment of elderly and disabilities
- Improve the quality of medical service  $\bullet$

# Application to HK's medical system



U.S. vs HK Situation		
Group	U.S.	HK
Elderly	Medicare	Government: Public Medical
Working Class	Employer	
Poor	Medicaid	Service
Elderly Remain covered by government under public medical service Remain covered by government under public medical service		



### Management of Public Health

 Chest Clinics Maternal and Child Health Centres Child Assessment Methadone Clinics Centres School Dental Clinics Clinical Genetic Social Hygiene Clinics Service Centres Dental Clinics with Student Health Service General Public Centres & Special Assessment Centres Sessions Dermatological Clinics
Travel Health Centres Elderly Health Centres
Woman Health Centres Integrated Treatment Centres

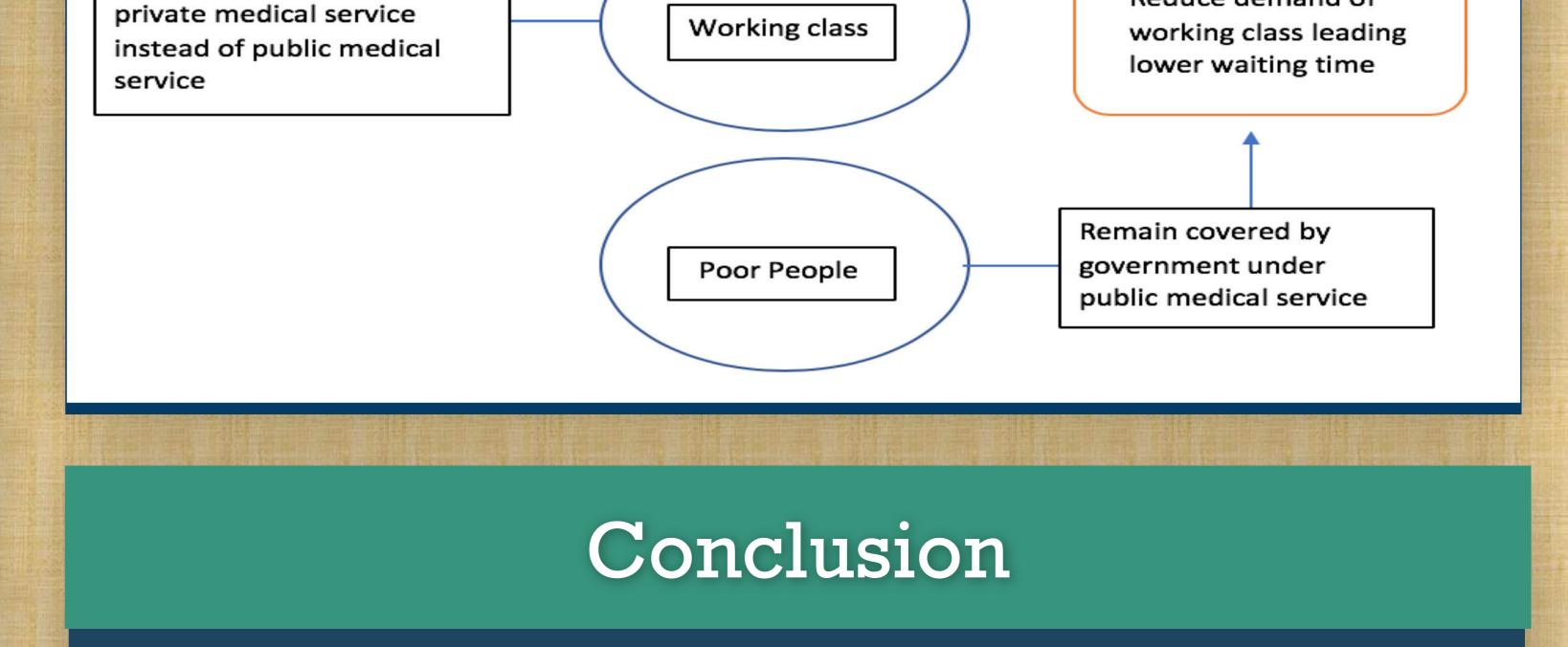
Private Practitioners

Private Chinese Practitioners

### Management of Public Hospitals

Public Hospitals General Out-patient Clinics Special Out-patient Clinics





• Medicare and Medicaid would lead to advance technology and reduce financial burden • VHIS program would yield similar effect as Medicare and Medicaid through target group classification