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Ruk eers bestaande gesondheidsorg reg – CDP
"Voor die regering nog druk op die ekonomie plaas vir 'n nasionale gesondheidsplan moet die huidige stelsel eers behoorlik reggeruk en kostedoeltreffend gemaak word. Dan sal die kundigheid minstens bestaan om iets van veel groter omvang doeltreffender bestuur," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

"Die toestande in staatshospitale en klinieke is dikwels skokkend, en reuse vermorsing en diefstal word gereeld genoem. Buurlande skuld ingevolge bilaterale ooreenkomste skynbaar nog honderde miljoene rande aan Suid-Afrika vir die versorging van hul burgers in ons hospitale.
"Selfs die VSA moes die geldkrane toedraai voor pres. Barack Obama se beplande stelsel wat baie soortgelyk moet wees, op dreef kon kom. Ons stem saam dat gesondheidsorg dramaties moet verbeter, maar dat die doeltreffende benutting van die huidige al in 'n groot deel van die behoefte kan voldoen.

"Om nou slegte nuus na die ekonomie te stuur, kan liederlik boemerang in die vorm van verhoogde vlakke van armoede."

First fix the present health system – CDP
"Before government places the economy under more pressure with its national health plan, it should attend to ailments in the present system. Then, at least, the required know-how may be available to launch the new system effectively," says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

"The conditions in government hospitals are often shocking, and reports of massive waste and theft often surface. Reports show that neighbouring countries, according to bilateral agreements, owe South Africa hundreds of millions of rands for the treatment of their citizens in our hospitals.
"Even the USA had to curb spending before Pres. Barack Obama's planned health system could be launched. We acknowledge that health care needs much improvement, but optimising the present system will already go a long way.

"To now put more pressure on the economy may well boomerang and result in increased poverty."