

Dear PM Modi ...

Healthcare industry players share their expectations from the new PM, Narendra Modi and his government

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- 1) Preventive healthcare should be treated as separate segment and tax redemption bar should be increased from Rs 5000 to Rs15, 000 since the cover is meant not just for one individual but for the family members as well.
- 2) The healthcare expenses are very high and that's why the category has to be made separate to meet the basic needs of the family in totality
The corporates who have a preventive health checkup policy or invest in preventive health checkup for its employees should be given extra benefits. This can be compared to the benefits accorded to the companies who invest in R&D
- 3) Need to create personal health records and encourage screening of diseases amongst the population .
- 4) Encourage innovative affordable technology and local made products. Provide opportunities to importers to bring new equipment models that are more effective as well as affordable. Reduce the import duty on healthcare equipment.
- 5) India should increase the manufacturing of local goods and medical equipment
- 6) We are hopeful that more emphasis would now be made on preventive healthcare services
- 7) We need a strong regulatory forum to bring improvement to overall healthcare industry
- 8) I would urge the new government to form a separate department with experts to address strong concerns about health of the country

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