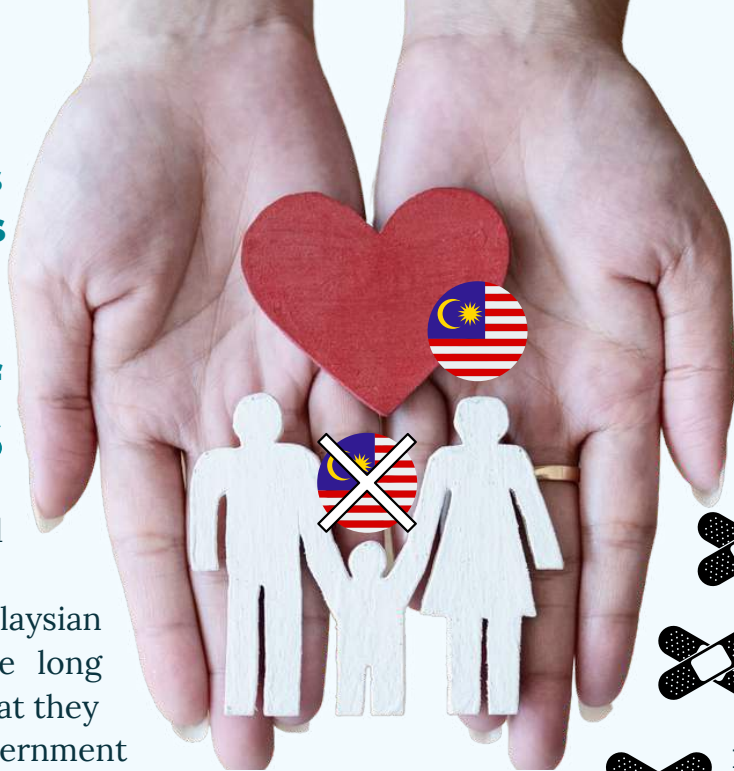




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Recommendations on Equal Access to Healthcare for Non-citizen Children of Malaysians



Issues to be addressed:



Lack of Access to
Affordable Healthcare
Services



Exclusion from Essential
Healthcare Programmes



Lack of Protection Against
Health Crises

Non-citizen children and spouses of Malaysians, being a part of the Malaysian family, are here for the long haul. As such, it is vital that they are included in Government policies and practices to ensure they are also accorded equitable access to essential services.

Context

Non-citizen children face challenges accessing public healthcare facilities and are **required to pay higher rates at healthcare facilities**. The exorbitant expenses incurred pose significant burdens for parents and affects their ability to access essential healthcare services. The National Immunisation Programme (NIP) offers free vaccinations for Malaysian children, but non-citizen children **without Malaysian birth certificates** are charged substantial fees for each mandatory immunisation. Families unable to afford these costs may delay vaccinations, exposing the child to increased risk of disease. Additionally, these children are **ineligible for complimentary healthcare services provided to Malaysian students**, such as check-ups and other initiatives by the Ministry of Health.

As such, Family Frontiers recommends that the Malaysian Government should:



Allow all non-citizen children (until the age of 18) to access public healthcare at the same rate as Malaysians.



Grant essential healthcare programmes free-of-charge to non-citizen children of Malaysians, including the National Immunisation Programme, vaccinations, regular school health check-ups, dental check-ups and other initiatives by the Ministry of Health.



Allow non-citizen children with disabilities or in need of long term treatment to qualify for healthcare initiatives provided by the Ministry of Health.

Non-citizen children in Malaysia are **ineligible to register as Persons With Disabilities or obtain an OKU card**, leading Malaysian parents with disabled or long-term treatment-requiring children to bear excessive medical costs.

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