

NATIONAL APPELLATION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSITION TO ELIMINATE MAJOR PARTS OF THE NATIONAL SICKNESS INSURANCE

The consequences of the stricter rules of sickness leave halfway through the year of 2008

We fear that the consequences of the proposition will be:

1. The proposition lays the costs of the state for sickness benefit on the MUNICIPALITIES, which will lead to municipal tax raises or serious cost-savings on parks, roads, schools, infant schools, home care of elderly people, other care of elderly people, social psychiatry, centres of activities on behalf of ill people and on other municipal fields. Sickness benefit is paid by the state. Social economic support, which is lower than the sickness benefit from the state, is paid by the municipality.
2. The proposition results in a woman trap! Most of the people being refused compensation by the new rules are women, who will be directed to social economic support. If you are living together with a man who has a job or if you have a condominium flat, a car or savings in the bank, you will not qualify for minimum economic support from the welfare office. Women will then become more dependant on men.
3. The proposition results in a debt trap! Since many ill people have taken loans, it means that a very efficient obstruction is put in the way of every attempt to recover one's circumstances in life. Without debt restructuring you cannot get a flat, and without a flat it is almost impossible to get a job. Large education loans hit university graduates extraordinary hard!
4. The proposition is virtually irreversible! Do not put your trust in promises on restorations, that in not possible! The projected resource jobs arrangement are not sure either, they might be a way to conceal the cuttings in the national sickness insurance!
5. Life annuity from work-related injuries will be extremely difficult to claim.
6. Already after six months most of, and already after one year all of, evaluations of working capacity will be made regarding to the entire national job market regardless of i.e. education and legal residence.
7. Protection of employment will be undermined since it will become easier to dismiss personnel that are on sick leave beyond the time limits suggested by the proposition!

The proposition will be determined by the parliament during May. But before then, anything is possible. Your participation is vital. Visit Resur's webpage!

Best regards

Resursnätverket's appellation against the destruction of our common national sickness insurance halfway through the year!

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