# Product Innovation in Health Care Insurance

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#### **Product Innovations**

- Existing Products;
- Expectations;
- Issues and way forward;

# **Existing Products**

- Medi-Claim
- Critical Illness
- Hospital Cash
- Surgical Benefits
- PTD/PPD etc
- Overseas medical Insurance etc

### Expectations

- Permanent Exclusions to be covered
  - Mental Illness;
  - Dental Treatment;
  - No waiting periods;
  - Out patient treatments;
  - Preventive care;
  - Pregnancy and related issues;
  - Birth defects, congenital illness etc

### Expectations

- Disease specific covers
  - Cancer;
  - Diabetics;
  - HIV/AIDs etc
- Long term care covers
- Income replacements
- Alternative treatments etc

# Issues and way forward

Gained lot of importance during the recent years-State sponsored schemes-But;

- Affordability;
- Education and understanding;
- Claim rejections;
- Role of TPAs in claim handling;

# Issues and way forward

- Premium increases;
- Medical inflation;
- Data availability;
- Policyholder expectations;
- Exclusions;
- Discount health cards akin to health plans;
- Future medical improvements etc

# Issues and way forward

- Lot of demand for health insurance unlike other types of insurance;
- Larger scope to innovate;
- Reduced complexities in design;
- Wider platform
  - Traditional and linked products by Life insurers;
  - Regular renewabale products by non-life insurers;

