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**Abstract**

Health care is important for both individuals and governments alike, but given the exorbitant costs in this vital sector, many of the individuals and governments cannot provide it in a timely manner. Herein arises the role of health insurance, which is based on the distribution of risk between individuals, although it is difficult in many cases for many people and governments to obtain it. Governments may also be unable to do this work on behalf of the private sector. This thesis undertakes an assessment of the economic impact of the implementation of the social health insurance law in Yemen while drawing lessons from the Korean experience and comparing the causes and factors that have allowed Korea to pioneer in this area, and which enabled it to cover all of the targeted population during the period of record (12 years). Trying to figure out if these factors available in Yemen or at least if Yemen can supply some or most of those factors if they are absence.iii

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