Title: Attitude of workers towards National Health Insurance Scheme: Implication for Vision 2020.

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Abstract: A major target of Vision 2020 is to enlist Nigeria among 20 leading economies of the world by year 2020 of which healthy productive workforce is a major prerequisite. While several literature exist on vision 2020, health insurance scheme, as separate issues, researchers have paid little attention to interconnections between the attitude of the nation’s workforce and national health insurance scheme (NHIS) as a means of meeting the health expectation of Nigerian society. The study investigated the attitude of Nigerian workers towards the NHIS in relation to the task of achieving the vision 2020. Only 200 respondents in two local government areas of Lagos State were purposively sampled and interviewed using structured questionnaire. The study measured the coverage and acceptability of the NHIS among the working class and documents its influences on workers’ attitude to work. Health insurance policy acquisition rate is 5% notwithstanding the awareness level of 62.5%. About 90% of those that registered for health policies are in lower occupational status. More than two-thirds of the respondents expressed concern over the disbursement of benefits to policy beneficiaries by the insurance companies. The study established that a literacy campaign and commitment on the part of health management organizations could enhance positive attitude of workers toward the scheme. It also demonstrated that the laudable ambitious Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) could be hastened with healthy population.