

Bill on cutting firms' contributions to universal healthcare system deferred

The government has delayed amendments to the universal health insurance law to the next parliamentary session as it needs to further review the changes sought. The proposed amendments aim to reduce businesses' contributions to the universal healthcare system. Separately, the finance ministry has finalized the contractual and legal framework under which healthcare providers will be hired. About EGP 2.1 billion has been allocated for the providers and employees' salaries. The first phase of the universal healthcare scheme will be evaluated after six months.