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Canada Proposes To Exempt Hospital Parking Fees From GST/HST

On January 24, 2014, Canada's Department of Finance released [legislative proposals and explanatory notes](#) relating to the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada) (the "HST legislation") that would exempt hospital parking fees paid by patients and visitors from goods and services tax (GST) / harmonized sales tax (HST). Comments on the legislative proposals may be submitted until February 24, 2014.

This is welcome news because patients and visitors to hospitals have more important issues to worry about. This is a compassionate decision by the Government of Canada to not impose GST/HST on parking fees paid by patients and visitors.

The question for the consultations is whether there are unforeseen consequences of this proposal. Would making hospital parking exempt create an undue administrative burden for parking lot operators due to the inability to claim input tax credits? Is there a better solution - Should hospital parking be zero-rated?

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