



Association of Educationists and for Women's and Children's Rights Protection LIL

Children's health costs money

The minor D.M. suffering from swelling and vomit was hospitalized as an emergency case in the Children's Clinic Skopje – Department of Hematology. After few days, the child's condition improved apparently and the child was discharged from the hospital and allowed to go home. The parents were asked to pay a participation of 2,700 denars for the treatment. Because the family is under social risk and both parents are unemployed, the participation was not paid and they left home without the discharge papers.

Unfortunately, the next, the child's condition got worse suddenly and the parents went to the Clinic again. They were informed that the child will be admitted, but it will not be opened new medical history i.e. examinations will not be made until the participation for the previous treatment is paid.

The parents in desperation asked for solutions and financial resources to pay the participation for the previous treatment aimed at avoid additional upon their child's health. The father came for help to our organization and angrily asked *"Should our children's health cost money? Do only those having money can afford to get treatments on time?"*.