Personal Reflection on *is healthcare a right or privilege?*

My personal perspective suggests that healthcare is a basic human right for the individuals. There are several particular reasons behind this; when we say that all human beings are equal, they deserve the same attitude from authorities regardless of the amount of money in their pockets and the location of area where they reside. When we talk about Maslow’s hierarchy of human needs, he suggests that human beings are born with some predisposed and some environment driven needs encapsulating the needs that ensure our survival in as a biological creature such as food, water, shelter and physical wellbeing, safety needs, love and belongingness, self esteem and self actualization. If we are innately predisposed with these needs then the concept of human rights suggests that healthcare is the basic human right of individuals. On the other hand, if well call it as a privilege (that I would not), governmental and non- governmental authorities that are aimed at serving their public due to their obligation or financial interests respectively do not *embrace* their public by allocating monetary resources and funds for their physical, mental or emotional wellbeing rather this is what they are supposed to do. We elect government representatives to serve the public and this is what they do. If they fail to deliver what they are supposed to do, if public feels underserved in terms of basic human needs, the outcome would be obvious; no one would be willing to vote for them again and they would lose their reputation. So basically, the relationship between public and government is a sort of mutualism in which interests of both the parties are linked to each other and the term privilege looks quite inappropriate here. In a nutshell, I call healthcare as a basic human right that must be addressed by the government on priority basis.