

Equality in Health Care Access for Elders in Thailand

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Abstract

This paper aims to study the equality in elders' health care access of 3 health insurance schemes in Thailand including (1) Civil Servants Medical Benefit Scheme (CSMBS), (2) Social Security Scheme (SSS) and (3) Universal Coverage Scheme (UCS). The data was obtained from the Survey on Health and Welfare by National Statistical Office in 2011 and 2015. The total of 17,892 observations were used to analyze 4 different health care access variables. The results from Poisson regression analysis suggested that there was equality in the number of admissions in a healthcare center and the use of dental health services. However, there was inequality in the number of days being inpatient in the last admission and the use of outpatient services. The elders under UCS spent the least number of days being inpatient but had the highest number of outpatient services among all elders in the sample.

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