

Improving the Mechanism of Budget Expenditures in the Healthcare Sector

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Abstract: The article presents indicators of the effectiveness of the formation of goals and performance indicators of health care financing, depending on the function of financing budget expenditures, the introduction of new mechanisms for financing medical institutions.

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Improving and providing the health care system with the necessary financial resources remains an important problem of state policy in the field of public health. The state, with the help of laws, determines the sources of financing for health care, depending on the real capabilities of the country.

To improve the financing of health care in Uzbekistan, a policy has been adopted to introduce new financing mechanisms, develop a system of compulsory medical insurance and attract private investment in the medical sector, as well as improve the organization of health care in the country, reduce the level of bureaucracy and increase the efficiency of medical institutions. In addition, more attention is paid to disease prevention and a healthy lifestyle. This can reduce the burden on the medical system, reduce treatment costs, and improve the overall life expectancy and quality of life of the population.

Introduction:

According to the "Budget Code" of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the directions of spending budget funds are determined, as well as the basic principles of budgeting. According to Article 69 of this Code, expenditures on the social sphere and social support of the population are reflected primarily in the expenditure side of the State budget. Expenditures directed to the social sphere make up the bulk of the state budget. These are, first of all, spending on education, healthcare, culture, and social support

Public funding is critical to achieving universal health coverage. Reforming the financing system is defined as one of the main goals in the Concept for the Development of the Health System of the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2019-2025, approved by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. UP-5590:

- Introduction of a single per capita standard for financing primary health care institutions with adjustment coefficients, taking into account regional characteristics, type of institution, population density and other factors;
- Transition to modern methods of payment for specialized medical care services for the "treated condition" by clinical and cost groups in republican, regional and district (city) medical institutions;
- Legal determination of the amount of free medical care guaranteed by the state;
- Transition to a system of concluding contracts with public and private providers of medical services for the provision of medical services under state-guaranteed free medical care programs;
- Establishment of a system of health accounts to account for health care costs and the introduction of an evidence base for making informed strategic decisions;
- Creation of a compulsory medical insurance fund that collects and distributes funds for compulsory medical insurance programs;
- Introduction of special programs of compulsory medical insurance for a certain contingent of patients and certain types of medical care in all regions of the republic.

At present, in the process of improving the mechanism of budget expenditures in the health sector, a particularly important place is occupied by the introduction of a mechanism for the participation of citizens in the formation and execution of the state budget, which provides for the allocation of at least 10% of additional resources to district and city budgets on the basis of public opinion. Also, the launch of the Open Budget portal in the Republic is one of the main factors in the ongoing reforms in terms of transparency of financing. It is assumed that the monitoring of the openness of the budget will be carried out taking into account the following documents:

- Initial draft budget;
- draft budget;
- adopted budget;
- budget for citizens;
- current report;
- semi-annual report;
- audit report.

Active participation of citizens, including public control, is established at each stage of the above-mentioned budget processes. In particular, conditions have been created to ensure transparency, allowing changes in the amount of 10-15 percent of the total amount of expenditures based on public opinion in the formation of the budget in the regions.

By implementing this mechanism, it has become possible to direct funds to critical areas of public health in the health sector, such as the prevention of noncommunicable diseases as well as diseases of social importance, based on free opinion initiatives. With the change in the sanitary and epidemiological situation in the Republic of Uzbekistan, starting from 2021, more funds from the budget have been allocated to this healthcare sector to improve public health and eliminate the causes of diseases.

The amount of funds allocated to the medical sector of the Fergana region has increased dramatically in recent years. In 2022, 1 trillion 936 billion 138 million soums were allocated from the budget for the region's healthcare. (170174926,65\$). In particular, the funds allocated to provide hospitals and medical care centers with medicines and medical supplies have been increased. With the participation of citizens and the general public of the region, an additional heart-lung machine, a hemodialysis machine, kits for operative laparoscopy and other necessary medical equipment and consumables were additionally purchased in the Open Budget portal. More than 10 hospitals and 85 family polyclinics of cities and districts of the region have been repaired and put into operation.

On the basis of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to introduce a new model of the health care system and mechanisms of state medical insurance in the Syrdarya region", in order to improve the quality of medical care and expand the scope of primary health care, a new model of organization of the health care system in the Syrdarya region and a pilot project for the introduction of state health insurance mechanisms were implemented. A package of free medical services and medicines guaranteed by the state is developed at the level of each medical institution. The guarantee package is provided to citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, foreign citizens permanently residing in the Republic of Uzbekistan, and stateless persons in primary health care institutions and hospitals.

Based on the results of the experiment, within the framework of the GP, mechanisms for financing medical institutions for each person will be introduced for the population on the principle of "each case treated" and HMS and hospital cost groups.

Findings:

Based on these studies, it can be noted:

All opportunities will be created to reach the level of developed countries in the field of health care in the world. In particular, along with state control in the field of healthcare, civilian control will be established, as a result of which some shortcomings in the mechanism of budget expenditures implemented today will be eliminated. At the same time, it will be possible to fight many types of corruption at the same time.

This leads to:

- determination;
- openness;

- budget savings;
- the efficiency and direction of budget funds is achieved so that they ultimately give a social result.

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