

HOUSEHOLD HEALTH EXPENDITURES ANALYSIS IN YANAM REGION, INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The objectives of the paper are to study the pattern of household health expenditures as a component of income and consumption expenditures across different income groups, and to examine the impact of income and education on household health expenditures in Yanam Region, India. An average household spends 10.88 per cent and 15.73 per cent of his/her income and total consumption expenditure respectively on health care. Regression results show that income has significant influence on household health expenditure where as the impact of education is insignificant. Hence, the study recommend that government may take necessary feasible steps to reduce poverty and increase government expenditures on health care through imposition of a specific health tax (an earmarked or so-called hypothecated tax) devoted to health care. Again spending more on health services does not necessarily buy better health. It needs an efficient management and use of resources.