

Greek Health policies during the Syriza – ANEL governance

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Abstract

Introduction: The global economic crisis struck all countries, but it struck Greece particularly severely creating an impact on public health. During this period, the left-wing SYRIZA party won two elections in 2015 and ruled with the popular radical right-wing ANEL party. The purpose of the government was to fight the social and health inequalities created by the pre-existing economic crisis.

Objective: The purpose of this study is to conduct a literature review of the cost-oriented health policies of Greek governments SYRIZA-ANEL, especially oriented to the cost reduction during a Memorandum period. Using a number of keywords, a literature review and a classification of the health policies based on a known model, was conducted.

Methodology: The study was designed to review the health policies implemented by SYRIZA-ANEL governments. The data were collected from a literature review of the relevant papers published in Heal-Link database and other scientific journals. The policies were classified using a known model.

Result: The policies that were found to be pursued by the SYRIZA-ANEL governments were classified into policy categories according to the model used.

Conclusion: All three categories of health policies mentioned in the model were used by the SYRIZA-ANEL Governments and influenced the provision of health services to the recipients of health services. These policies have a mainly positive effect on reduction of costs, while some have a positive effect on the increase of costs.

Keywords: health policy, SYRIZA-ANEL, Greek health system, publicly financed health care, Greek hospitals.

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