

SYRIZA-ANEL governments Health Policies and their theoretical effect on Efficiency

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Abstract

Introduction: Health policies in the financial crisis seek to increase the efficiency of health system units. The Greek SYRIZA-ANEL government implemented policies to achieve the increase of the efficiency of the National Health System (ESY) units and especially of the secondary hospitals.

Objective: We enterprise to capture the theoretical effect of the health policies of the Greek governments SYRIZA-ANEL on the change in efficiency of hospitals. The study was designed to assess the impact of the health policies of the SYRIZA-ANEL governments on changing the efficiency of public hospitals.

Methodology: Data collection was performed after a literature review. The systematic collection of information was carried out with keywords and then through systematic processing of the texts in which the keywords were found. The data were obtained from a literature review of international scientific journals included in the Hellenic Academic Libraries Link (HEAL-Link) database and from other internationally recognized scientific journals. This study will serve as a further applied study of the change in efficiency in the context of postdoctoral research.

Result: The health policies regarding health care and funding of the SYRIZA-ANEL governments have a positive effect on efficiency mainly through the increase of outputs and the cost policies have a positive effect mainly through the reduction of inputs.

Conclusions: Some policies greatly increase outputs and inputs to a lower extent and have a positive effect on changing efficiency. Some (fewer) policies increase inputs and consequently reduce efficiency. Policy mixing increases the efficiency of public hospitals. It is up to future research to measure the change in the efficiency of Greek public hospitals.

Keywords: Health policy, Health efficiency, SYRIZA-ANEL, Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA), inputs - outputs.

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