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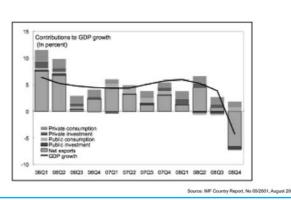
Overview

- Economic Recession
- Thai Health Insurance System
- Major Health Issues
 - Increase healthcare expenditures
 - Drug use and access
 - Shortage of healthcare resources
 - Medical tourism

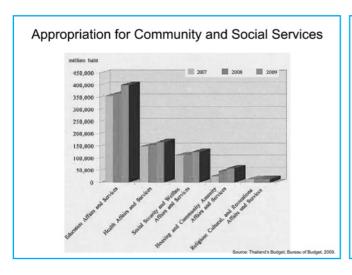
Economic Recession

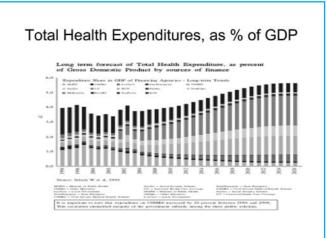
- US Subprime mortgage crisis in 2007
- Thailand's political turmoil in 2008-2009

Thailand GDP: 2006-2008



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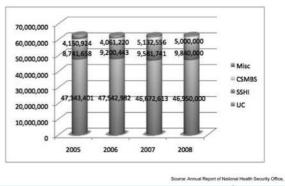




Thai Health Insurance System

- Universal Coverage (UC)
- Social Security Health Insurance (SSHI)
- Civil Servants Medical Benefit Scheme (CSMBS)
- Private Health Insurance (PHI)
- Motor Vehicle Traffic Accident Insurance

Health Insurance Beneficiaries



Universal Coverage (UC)

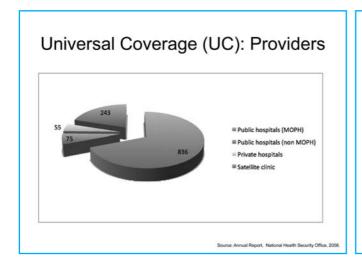
- First established in 2002 after National Health Security Act
- '30-Baht Scheme' or 'Golden Card Scheme'
- Coverage: 47 millions Thai
- Budgets (Year 2009):
 - Capitation payment: 103 billion baht (3 billion USD)
 - 2,202 baht (66 USD) per capita
 - HIV/AIDS services: 3 billion baht (89 million USD)
 - Renal failure services: 1.5 billion baht (45 million USD)

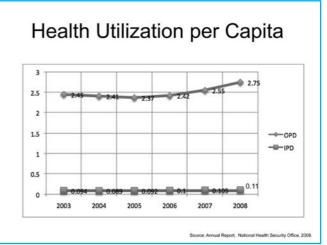
Source: Budget Management, National Health Security Office, 20

Universal Coverage (UC): Benefits

- Outpatient/Inpatient
- Promotion/Prevention
- High cost services
- Accident/Emergency
- Disease Management
- Leukemia/lymphoma
- Hemophilia
- Cardiac surgery
- Catract/Cleft lip & palate surgery
- Stroke/Coronary heart disease
- Bone Marrow Transplantation
- Rehabilitation
- Traditional Thai Medicine

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Impact on Healthcare Providers

- Provider payments
 - Outpatient: Point system w/ceiling
 - Inpatient: DRG w/global budget
 - 10,300 baht/RW (300 USD/RW)
 - Additional payments on certain high cost services

Social Security Health Insurance (SSHI)

- After Social Security Act enacted in 1990
- Total Beneficiaries: 8.8 millions



Social Security Health Insurance (SSHI)

Payment:

Capitation (2,156 baht (64 USD) per capita)

Benefit coverage

Medical care (non-work related)

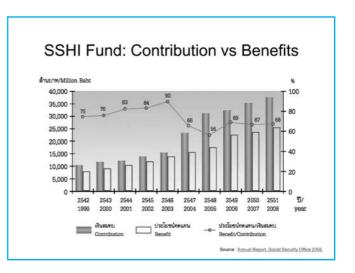
Maternity

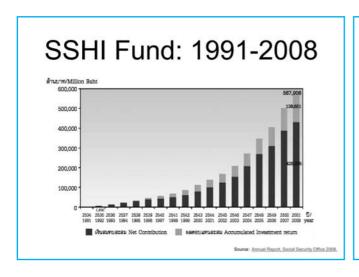
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Death

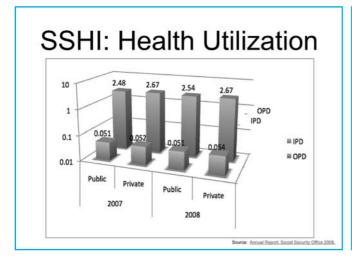
Children allowance

Unemployed



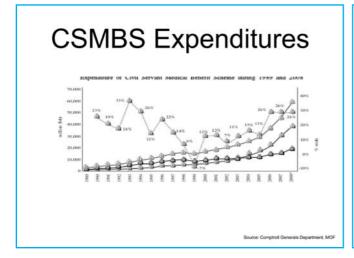


SSHI Fund: 2009 • Total fund 609 billion baht (18 billion USD) - Therru Unemployment benefit 36,995 finurm (Million Baht) - 2 nrtd Two-type benefit 448,403 finurm (Million Baht) - 2 nrtd Two-type benefit 448,403 finurm (Million Baht)



Civil Servants Medical Benefit Scheme (CSMBS)

- Total Beneficiaries: 6.4 millions (2008)
- Payment: 5,800 baht (170 USD)/person
 - Outpatient: Fee for service with ceiling
 - Inpatient: DRG plus



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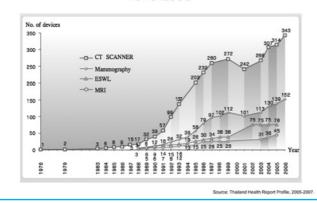
- Increase healthcare expenditures
 - · Epidemic spread of infectious diseases
 - Reemerging HIV/AIDS
 - Chronic diseases
 - · Road traffic accidents
 - Overutilization:
 - Moral hazard problem
 - · High-cost medical technologies

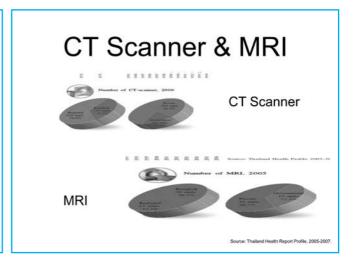
Ratio of High-cost Medical Technologies: 2006

Region	Ratio of medical devices per 1 million population			
	ESWL (2005)	СТ	MRI (2005)	Mammogram
Bangkok Metropolis	3.9	20.5	5.4	14.3
Provincial areas	1.0	4.0	0.3	1.3
Central	1.0	7.4	0.2	2.4
North	0.9	4.0	0.3	0.9
Northeast	0.8	2.2	0.2	0.7
South	1.2	2.9	0.5	1.3
Nationwide	1.2	5.5	0.7	2.4

Source: Thailand Health Report Profile, 2005-20

Number of High-cost Medical Technologies, 1976-2006





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Drug use and access

- Generic-drug utilization policy
- Compulsory licensing

Values of Generic vs Brand-name Drugs Million baht 35,000 30,000 Values of locally produced drugs 25,000 Values of Imported drugs 26,588 30,546 29,705 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 10,678

Compulsory Licensing

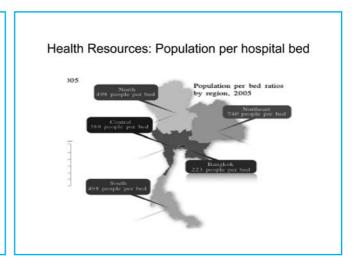
Name	2.	Price (USD)			
	Price of patented drugs befor CI, policy	Patented drugs after CL policy	Generic version	Difference (time)	
Efavirenz	58 per month	24 per month	10 per month	5.8	
Lopinavir / Ritonavir	1,800 per year	1,000 per year	780 per year	3	
Clopidogrel	3	1.3	0.04	75	
Letrozole	7	2.2	0.1	70	
Docetaxel	900	450	37	24.3	

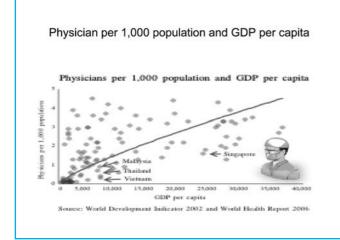
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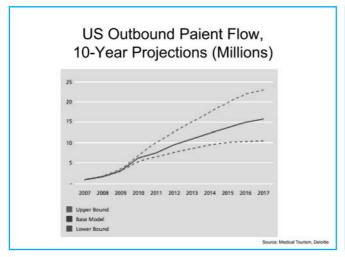
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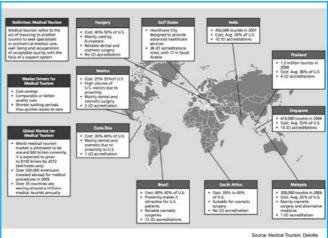




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Medical Tourism: Effects on Domestic Health

- Advantages
 - Subsidizing local economy
 - Increase standard of care
- Disadvantages
 - · Diversion of healthcare resources
 - Brain-drain of physicians and nurses from public to private/ rural to urban facilities
 - Prolonged waiting lists for complex medical cares

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