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This study is a descriptive study based on secondary data. The objective is to evaluate the experience of health insurance schemes in Thailand under the equity and efficiency consideration with the aim of suggesting potential schemes out of the current schemes in order to cover the uninsured group of 23.67 million group.

The government is making an effort in seeking a better health care scheme to provide equity in health care for all the population, while at the same time achieving government cost reduction. This systematic and critical study to identify potential schemes, which can achieve equity and efficiency as well as expand to coverage to the uninsured, could be meaningful.

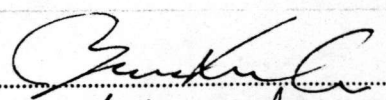
The analysis consists of two stages. First of all, the comprehensive examination of the current health insurance schemes based on secondary data is made. This examination suggests that the Free Medical Care for the Low Income Household (LIC), the Social Security Scheme (SSS), and the Health Card Program (HCP) would have potential of expanding coverage to the uninsured. Secondly, these three schemes are evaluated by the Delphi Survey (Delphi Technique). As a result, SSS is identified as the most equitable and efficient scheme, although it is a little less effective than HCP in terms of possibility of growth in population coverage. HCP is seen as the second most suitable choice. LIC is rated third in rank.

This study concludes that SSS and HCP will continue to play the important role in health care system in Thailand as the potential health insurance scheme which can lead better equity and efficiency for the uninsured population. A further study will be needed to seek an effective way to expand the potential scheme for covering them.

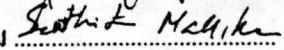
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ABBREVIATIONS

CSMBS	Civil Servant Medical Benefit
EC	Free Medical care for the elderly (Elderly Card)
HC	Health Card
HCP	Health Card Program
LIC	Free Medical Care for the Low Income Household
IP	Inpatient
MOF	Ministry of Finance
MOPH	Ministry of Public Health
OP	Outpatient
PI	Private Health Insurance
SHI	School Health Insurance
SSO	Social Security Office
SSS	Social Security Scheme
WCO	Workmen Compensation Office
WCS	Workmen Compensation Scheme

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