

A STUDY OF HEALTH INSURANCE IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The potential significance of a strong nation and healthy manpower is a key to the economic survival and prosperity of any economy. Any ominous hint of reducing health standards would be a source of a brood for the nation concerned. Health insurance is one of the major driving forces for the growth of general insurance industry, as it alone accounts for around 29% of total general insurance premium income earned in India. The present paper makes an attempt to analyze the growth and trends of health insurance in India. Health insurance was growing at a healthy rate, but the claim paid ratio is higher that can cause a problem of sustainability of health insurance in India. Health insurance can become an alternate tool to finance health care. High out-of-pocket (OOP) health expenditures poses barrier to access for healthcare. Out of pocket payments will automatically come down once the penetration of health insurance increases in India.