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ABSTRACT

A cross-sectional descriptive study aimed to assess knowledge, attitude and acceptance of the 30 baht government health care scheme among health care providers at six community hospitals in Sakaeo province, Thailand. It was conducted among 316 health care providers during February 1-14, 2004 by using a self-administered questionnaire. The study sample consisted of doctors, dentists, pharmacists, registered nurses and technical nurses.

The study results revealed that most of the health care providers were females and the majority were professional registered nurses. The knowledge of the thirty baht scheme was good while the attitude towards the scheme was fair. The acceptance of the 30 baht scheme level was self-assessed, about 41.5% of respondents had high acceptance while low acceptance was at about 58.5%. In identifying factors associated with level of acceptance, it was found that doctors had the least acceptance. Among socio-demographic factors, there is a significant relationship between the acceptance and duration of time spent working on the 30 baht scheme.

The findings suggested that the improvement of level of acceptance may be focus on management and financial management. In addition, there must be a supportive system in order to improve quality of service.

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