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**DOES FAMILY PHYSICIAN PROGRAMME IN IRAN IMPROVE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF PATIENTS**

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**ABSTRACT**

**Background:** Out-of-pocket payments for health care can cause households to incur catastrophic health expenditures (CHE) and pushing them into poverty.

**Objective:** This study evaluates the impact of the family physician programme on financial contribution of patients in Iran.

**Methods:** This cross sectional study was based on data obtained from Household Income and Expenditure Survey in 2004 and 2011. The health expenditures and CHE were determined by this data in these years. Descriptive analysis and comparisons using Chi-squared test was carried out with SPSS ver.20.

**Results:** Total number of 1716 households were included in survey in years 2004 and 2011. 1.8% of the rural households was exposed to CHE in 2004, but it is reduced to 0.0 [P. value=0.003] in 2011. These percentages in urban areas were decreased from 1% in 2004 to 0.8% [P. value=0.54] in 2011.

**Conclusion:** The implementation of FP programme could reduce the health expenditures of families in Iran

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