

The Main Directions of Innovative Development of the Medical Services Sector

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Abstract

This article outlines the main directions of innovative development of medical services in Uzbekistan and analyzes the data in this area. It also provides forecasts for the future development of the medical services sector. The author presents proposals and conclusions on the support of public-private partnerships in the development of the medical services sector and the privatization of the sector.

Keywords: health care system, medical services, innovative development of medical services, private medical institutions, “cluster” model of health care organization, public-private partnership in medical services, medical tourism, health insurance system, Covid-19 pandemic.

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Introduction

One of the most important issues is to ensure the sustainable development of the economy, improve the living standards of the population and ensure effective employment.

Today, it is important to continue the reforms in the health care system and to ensure the implementation of the priorities in the field of public health. Therefore, it is important to increase the scope and quality of medical services. To this end, it is expedient to privatize the industry, develop public-private partnerships and medical tourism.

Comprehensive support for the development of the private sector in the healthcare sector, creating the necessary conditions for private medical institutions to provide high-tech high-quality medical services to the population, expanding foreign investment in private medicine and attracting highly qualified specialists, as well as medical tourism and medical. The development of the export of services will enable the development of the medical services market.

Research methodology

As a research methodology, in the development of the medical services, methods such as observation, statistical analysis were used, studying the normative and legal materials related to medical services in the country.

Analysis and results

On April 1, 2017, the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to further develop the private sector in health care" provides comprehensive assistance to the development of the private sector in health care, quality medical care was adopted in order to create the necessary conditions for its service.

In recent years, Uzbekistan has been paying special attention to the sustainable development of the private medical sector as part of measures to radically reform and improve the health care system.

In the last 10 years, the number of private medical institutions in the country has doubled to 3,500. The level of equipping them with high-tech medical equipment has increased 3 times. In particular, private medical institutions specializing in dentistry, laboratory diagnosis, therapy, physiotherapy, neurology and other fields are developed. Experience has shown that restrictions in the legislation on the activities of private medical institutions hinder the expansion and improvement of the quality of medical services provided by them, especially the introduction of advanced treatment methods and technologies in specialized medical fields. In particular, the level of development of private medical entities in rural areas is unsatisfactory.

In accordance with the decision, in addition to the main directions and tasks of further development of the private sector in health care, private medical institutions to provide quality medical services with the widespread use of modern high-tech methods of diagnosis and treatment. It is planned to create the necessary conditions, strengthen their material and technical base and provide them with loans and financial assistance, attract foreign investment and qualified specialists in the private medical sector, expand exports of medical services, develop the infrastructure of the medical services market.

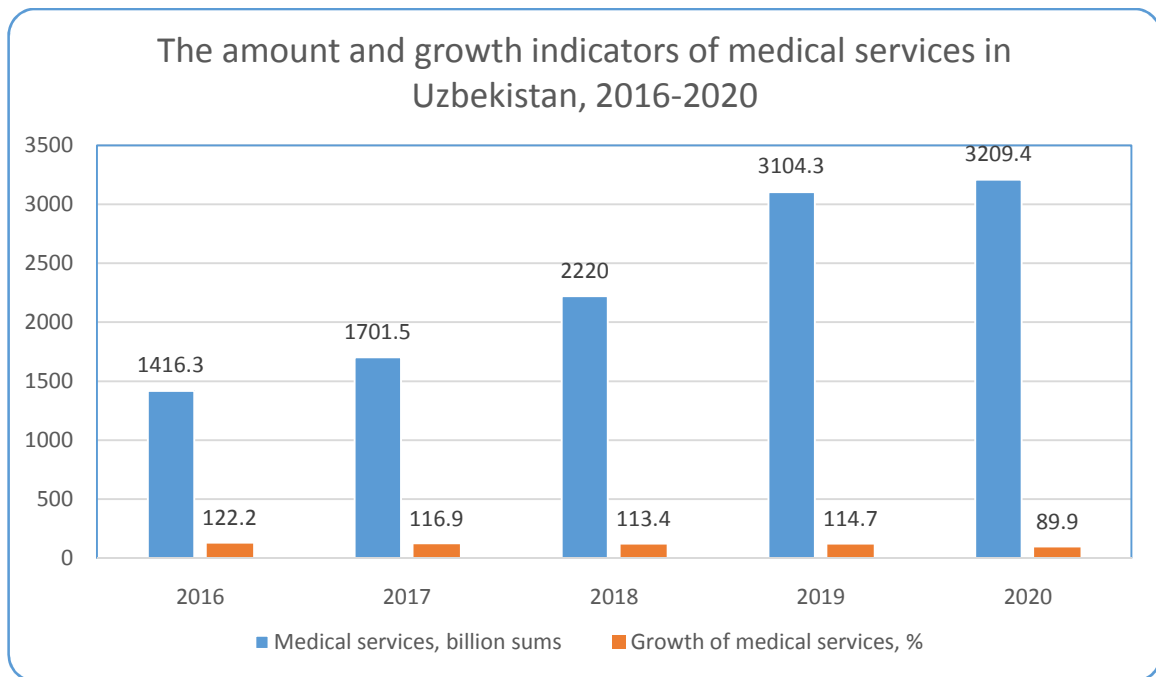
It should be noted that the resolution provides for further expansion of the range of services provided by the private sector in the field of health. In particular, so far only 50 of the 177 types of medical services have been allowed to private medical institutions, and the rest have been

banned. According to the decision, they are now allowed to provide almost all types of medical services.

Today, developed and developing countries consider the rapid development of the services sector as one of the most important tasks to ensure economic growth. The service sector covers all segments of the population and affects almost all socio-economic processes taking place in society, which shows how important and significant this issue is. The service sector also has a special place in the provision of medical services.

During the years of independence, Uzbekistan has systematically worked to diversify the economy and deepen structural reforms, to accelerate the development of services and services as one of the important directions and factors in improving employment, income and quality of life.

Picture 1.



Source. www.stat.uz

According to the diagram, the volume of services increased 2.3 times in 2016-2020. In particular, health services increased by 2.3 times. The growth rate of the healthcare sector compared to previous years has slowed in 2020 due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic conditions.

Table 1 Target parameters for the development of medical services in Samarkand region in 2021-2023

Name of services	2020 yil		Forecast (growth rate, %)			
	amount, billion sum	growth rate, %	2021	2022	2023	2023 compared to 2020, equal
Totalservices	14 318,7	102,6	120,6	127,8	134,4	2,1
Medicalservices	225,3	108,1	128,0	135,1	141,8	2,5

On May 11, 2021, the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On measures to accelerate the development of the services sector” was published. One of the main directions is to increase the capacity of existing health services in all regions of the country, to improve their quality, and to create favorable economic and infrastructural conditions for the involvement of the private sector. Target parameters for the development of services in Samarkand region in 2021-2023 have also been set.

Conclusions and suggestions

In our opinion, the following are important areas for the development of healthcare in Uzbekistan:

1. ***Improving national health legislation.*** This includes improving the quality of health care and protecting the rights of patients, as well as through the adoption of directly impacting laws aimed at strengthening the responsibility and protection of health care workers.
2. ***Implementation of a modern management system in the field of medical services.*** It envisages the creation of a modern management system and a "cluster" model of health care in the regions, which will ensure the introduction of best practices in management and quality management of medical services on the basis of international standards.
3. ***Improving the system of financing the medical sector.*** This will determine the volume of free medical care guaranteed by the state, the gradual introduction of compulsory health insurance, along with the guaranteed free medical care provided by the state, will create additional opportunities for access to quality and affordable medical services. requires rapid development.
4. ***Promoting a healthy lifestyle.*** This includes increasing the efficiency, quality and popularity of medical care, as well as supporting a healthy lifestyle through the formation of a system of medical standardization, the introduction of high-tech methods of diagnosis and treatment, the creation of effective models of patronage services.
5. ***Privatization of healthcare system.*** This includes the development of public-private partnerships and medical tourism, the creation of favorable conditions for attracting investment in health care and improving the competitive environment.
6. ***Further development of the pharmaceutical industry.*** This includes improving the mechanisms of price formation, expanding the volume and variety of production of medicines, medical equipment and products.
7. ***Implementation of e-health system.*** This involves the creation of an integrated set of information systems and databases based on common national standards.

In conclusion, in order to develop the market of medical services in Uzbekistan, it is necessary to fully support the development of the private sector in health care, to create the necessary conditions for private medical institutions to provide high-tech quality medical services to the population. it is necessary to expand investments and attract more highly qualified specialists, as well as to develop medical tourism and exports of medical services.

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