AN EVALUATION OF THE IMPACTS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME ON THE EMPLOYEES’ HEALTH STATUS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN

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ABSTRACT

This study examines employees’ health care status and provision of health care services under the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Data were collected from 383 randomly selected respondents through survey method. Eighteen in-depth interviews (IDIs) were conducted among nine male and female respondents each to reflect gender balance. The data generated through the questionnaire were analyzed at the univariate and bivariate levels. The qualitative data were analyzed using content analysis. The findings revealed a high level of awareness of the scheme among the employees, while employees perceived their health status as good following the usage of the health care services under the Scheme. The findings revealed the influence of NHIS on the perception of employees’ health status at the University of Ibadan. It is recommended that necessary steps be taken to occupy employees while waiting for consultation with doctor such as provision of informative and educational materials.

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