

PROPOSITIONS

belonging to the PhD Thesis

Testing the effectiveness of risk equalization models in health insurance: A new method and its application

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1. A risk equalization model can be interpreted as a system of risk-adjusted premium subsidies and requires that the government (or employer, or another 'sponsor') makes an explicit choice of risk factors for which insured should be compensated and for which risk factors not. (*This study*)
2. Health insurers should have the opportunity to risk rate their premiums according to the risk factors for which government (or employer, or another 'sponsor') has explicitly chosen that she does not want to compensate the insured people. (*This study*)
3. Although currently the Dutch risk equalization model is one of the most sophisticated in the world, this model appears not to fully meet the policy goals as chosen by Dutch government. (*This study*)
4. The effectiveness of the Dutch risk equalization model can be improved by the addition of risk adjusters based on consumption-in-the-past of physiotherapy, medical devices and drugs for mental diseases. (*This study*)
5. Systems of ex-post compensation appear to offer an important contribution to the effectiveness of the Dutch risk equalization model, even after the addition of such promising risk adjusters. (*This study*)
6. The one health care provider is not the other.
7. Pay close attention when you want to obtain complete insurance at Agis Health Insurance: the Complete policy offers comfort, however, the Comfort policy is complete.
8. In the long run, economic significance is more significant than statistical significance.
9. If accessible information on health outcomes of provided care is unavailable, then price competition rather leads to a decrease than an increase in health status.
10. A management team distracted by a series of short term targets is as pointless as a dieter stepping on a scale every half hour. (*Google Inc. Files Registration Statement with the SEC for an Initial Public Offering, April 29th, 2004*)
11. This last stand of mine is set up much quicker than the stands of my brother, despite his many years' experience in construction work.