

The Comparison of the Selected Health Indicators of the EU Members

Abstract

The Goal of this thesis is to analyse nine representative health indicators in a way demonstrating best level of healthcare of individual member states of the European Union. The indicators in question, their definitions and representative qualities are thoroughly described in the theoretical part of the thesis. In the second part of the thesis the average figures of the indicators from 2005 until 2011 of all member states are analysed and furthermore each health indicator has been assigned with additional indicator i.e. economic, social or demographic and their mutual dependence have been examined. The analysis did not prove the hypothesis of still existing East – West European division in health care, this is caused by the wide spectrum of dependences between the indicators themselves and the fact that the individual indicators are influenced by other various factors.

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