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On the link between health, socioeconomic inequalities and health care financing

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The Speaker

Nora Markova is a Postdoctoral Fellow at ACERH, ANU. Before joining ANU, she completed a DPhil at the University of Oxford, UK. She has held research positions at the International Monetary Fund, USA, the United Nations University WIDER, Finland, and the Global Development Network, USA/Czech Republic. Her research interests include equity in health and health care, health care systems financing and poverty, health care reforms in the transition countries and the health of minority groups.

Abstract

This paper contributes to the literature on health inequalities by taking a multidimensional approach including a range of socioeconomic explanations. The empirical analysis is based on Bulgarian data from a period of economic transition to a market economy and a rapid increase in income inequality. It builds a model establishing links between theories explaining health inequalities with level of income, income inequality, social inequalities, interaction between income and social inequalities, access to health services and health care utilisation. The results provide a possible link between these major theories. The relationship between level of income, income inequality and health appears to have a social gradient, which is highly sensitive to the level of out-of-pocket health care payments. An unexpected finding of the paper is a “Roma minority paradox” in the expected health status of the population.

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