

The Budget Role In Determining Rates For Balangan District Health Center Services

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Article Info	Abstract
Received Jan 14, 2024 Revised Jan 25, 2024 Published Feb 10, 2024	<i>The Budgeting or preparing a good budget is important in managing a health center. A well-planned budget can run community health center operations effectively and efficiently. This research has a high level of urgency because it will provide an understanding of the influence of budgeting and ability to pay in determining service rates at Community Health Centers. This information is important for local governments, health institutions and the community in developing policies that support the accessibility and sustainability of health services in the Balangan Regency area. Qualitative methods are used to obtain an accurate picture of the influence of budgeting and ability to pay in determining service rates, namely using observational data collection techniques, interviews with relevant stakeholders and reviewing documents. Determining rates for Puskesmas services in the Balangan Regency area is greatly influenced by the budget allocated for operational activities and health services, the patient's financial capabilities, budgeting and the patient's ability to pay interact with each other in determining service rates.</i>
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INTRODUCTION

Puskesmas is a part of health services that plays a role in providing access to quality and affordable health services for the surrounding community. The aspect that is of concern in the management of community health centers is determining service rates which must be fair and in accordance with the community's ability to pay. Balangan Regency is a region that has unique social, economic and demographic characteristics. Therefore, it is important to understand the influence of budgeting and ability to pay in determining appropriate service rates at the Community Health Center. Determining the

right tariff is very important in ensuring the availability and accessibility of quality health services for the community. However, the process of determining this tariff is not easy, because it must consider various interrelated factors.

The influence of budgeting and ability to pay in determining service rates is a crucial factor that needs to be studied. Budgeting or preparing a good budget is important in managing a health center. A well-planned budget can run community health center operations effectively and efficiently. Not only preparing a budget, the community's ability to pay must also be considered so that service rates can be accessed by all levels of society. Community health centers need to manage limited financial resources efficiently. They must consider operational costs, staff salaries, procurement of medical equipment, medicines, and health infrastructure in determining service rates. Proper budgeting will ensure organizational sustainability and continuity of health services. This research has a high level of urgency because it will provide an understanding of the influence of budgeting and ability to pay in determining service rates at Community Health Centers. This information is important for local governments, health institutions and the community in developing policies that support the accessibility and sustainability of health services in the Balangan Regency area.

Based on the background and level of urgency explained, the following problems in this research have been formulated:

1. What is the role of budgeting in determining service rates at Community Health Centers in Balangan Regency?
2. What is the role of the patient's ability to pay in determining service rates at the Community Health Center in Balangan Regency?
3. What is the role of the interaction between budgeting and ability to pay in determining service rates at Community Health Centers in Balangan Regency?

METHODS

Qualitative methods are used to obtain an accurate picture of the influence of budgeting and ability to pay in determining service rates, namely using observational data collection techniques, interviews with relevant stakeholders and reviewing documents. Interviews will be used to obtain a deep level of understanding regarding the factors that influence service tariff determination policies, while the documents used

to examine include central and regional government policies regarding budget management and determination of service tariffs at community health centers in the Balangan Regency area.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This Health service rates are compensation received by UPT Puskesmas related to services for service and non-service activities provided to service users. Health service rates in Balangan Regency are included in one of the regional levies. Regional Retribution is a Regional levy as payment for certain services or permits which are specifically provided and/or granted by the Regional Government for the benefit of individuals or Entities. It is in terms of determining these rates that the Regional Government of Balangan Regency has established Regent Regulation (PERBUB) Number 68 of 2022 concerning Implementation Guidelines for the Collection of Health Service Retributions at Community Health Centers in Balangan Regency.

Budgeting at the Community Health Center refers to the process of planning, budgeting and managing financial resources allocated for operational activities and health services at the Community Health Center. This budgeting involves estimating and allocating funds for various activities, including staff salaries, purchasing medicines, facility maintenance, training, health promotion, and other activities needed to run the Puskesmas operations.

PERBUB Number 68 of 2022 (CHAPTER IVPsl.6) the method for measuring the level of service use is based on:

1. Type of Health Service
2. Facilities, facilities and infrastructure for health services used and
3. Frequency of health services

In accordance with CHAPTER IVPsl.6 above, budgeting has a significant influence on determining service rates. In this context, health organizations (PUSKESMAS) that implement good and planned budgeting tend to have more measurable and precise service rates. Several reasons why budgeting can influence the determination of service rates at PUSKESMAS:.

1. Limited Resources: PUSKESMAS usually operate with limited resources, whether in terms of personnel, medical equipment, or facilities. The available

budget will influence the capacity of services that can be provided. If the budget is limited, the services offered may also be limited or not fully comprehensive.

2. **Operational Costs:** The budget allocated to PUSKESMAS includes daily operational costs such as staff salaries, facility maintenance, purchasing medicines and medical equipment, and health promotion activities. The size of this budget will have an impact on the rates of services provided. If the budget is limited, then service rates may have to be set higher to cover operational costs.
3. **Quality of Service:** An adequate budget allows PUSKESMAS to provide quality health services. This involves well-trained staff, adequate medical technology, and the use of high-quality medical materials. If budgets are limited, then the quality of service may be affected, and service rates may be adjusted according to the level of quality that can be provided.
4. **Government Subsidies:** PUSKESMAS receives direct government subsidies. These subsidies can influence the service rates set. If government subsidies increase, service rates may be set lower or even free for certain patients.
5. **Government Policy:** The PUSKESMAS budget is influenced by government policy regarding the health system. If the government establishes policies to encourage more affordable access to health services, the budget allocated to PUSKESMAS can be increased or there are special programs that influence service rates.

PERBUB Number 68 of 2022 (CHAPTER IVPsl.7) explains that the principles and targets in determining the structure and amount of Retribution rates are intended to cover the costs of providing Health Services and other activities that can support Health Services by considering community capabilities and aspects of justice. The economic capacity of the community or patients influences the determination of service rates at PUSKESMAS for the following reasons:

1. **Accessibility of Services:** One of the goals of PUSKESMAS is to provide affordable health services for the community. When considering service fees, the patient's ability to pay is an important factor. Tariffs that are too high can make services unaffordable for people with low financial capabilities. Therefore, service rates at PUSKESMAS are often determined by considering the patient's ability to pay. **Principles of Social Justice:** PUSKESMAS often apply the principles of social justice in determining service rates. This principle means that service rates

must be fair and equitable for all people, without distinguishing between financial capabilities. In this case, the patient's ability to pay can influence the determination of rates so that they remain in line with the principles of social justice.

2. Subsidy Program: PUSKESMAS has a subsidy or fee waiver program for patients who have limited ability to pay or fall into vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly or poor families. The patient's ability to pay is an important consideration in determining who is entitled to receive subsidies or fee waivers
3. Sustainability of PUSKESMAS must consider the sustainability of its operations. In setting service rates, PUSKESMAS needs to ensure that the income obtained from these rates is sufficient to cover operational costs, such as staff salaries, facility maintenance, and purchasing medicines. Therefore, the patient's ability to pay is an important factor in determining rates that can support the sustainability of PUSKESMAS

It is important to note that at PUSKESMAS, health services are often provided at lower rates compared to private health facilities, with the aim of ensuring accessibility for people with limited financial capabilities.

CONCLUSION

So it can be concluded that the determination of rates for Puskesmas services in the Balangan Regency area is greatly influenced by:

1. Budget allocated for operational activities and health services. Limited budgets can limit the service capacity and quality that can be provided by Community Health Centers. This can influence the setting of service rates to suit the available budget level. An adequate budget will support the provision of more comprehensive and quality health services.
2. The patient's financial capabilities. Puskesmas strives to provide health services that are accessible to people with various levels of ability to pay. Tariffs that are too high can make services unaffordable for people with low financial capabilities. Therefore, service rates at Puskesmas are often adjusted to the patient's ability to pay to remain affordable and fair.
3. Budgeting and the patient's ability to pay interact with each other in determining

service rates. An adequate budget allows Puskesmas to offer better health services and set more affordable rates. On the other hand, the patient's ability to pay influences the extent to which service rates can be accommodated to remain in line with the patient's level of financial ability.

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