

CALL FOR PAPERS

Universal Health Coverage: Equity and Access to Health

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According to the World Health Organization, at least half of the world's population still does not have full coverage of essential health services. To address the inequities in access and affordability of healthcare, all United Nations Member States have a common goal of achieving universal health coverage by the year 2030.

The goal of universal health coverage is to ensure that all people obtain the health services they need without suffering financial hardship in order to pay for them. Recognizing that many countries have already taken steps to providing universal health coverage, the Editors are issuing a Call for Papers that explore the innovative ways governments and health systems are addressing the social, economic, and policy issues that will reduce inequities and improve the availability, quality, and affordability of healthcare in these regions.

The Editors invite economic evaluations, health policy analyses, patient-reported outcomes research, and methodological submissions that provide data and

insights that healthcare decision makers can use to inform priorities for legislation, regulation, and reimbursement for health services in the region. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, health economics and outcomes research that examines:

- Barriers and lessons learned in the process of implementing universal health coverage
- Social, economic, and policy determinants that reduce inequities and improve the availability, affordability, and quality of medicines in the region
- Benefit design and coverage policies that lead to sustainable healthcare financing
- Organizational innovations that improve the efficiency of health systems and remove barriers to access of health services
- Real-world evidence for modern medicines and alternative/herbal medicines

Submissions received before **January 1, 2020** will have the best chance of being published in *Value in Health Regional Issues* in 2020. Final decisions regarding ultimate acceptance rest solely with the Editors.

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