The Impact of a Billing System on Healthcare Utilization: the Case of the Thai Civil Servant Medical Benefit Scheme

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The Thai Health Insurance System – three public schemes

| | Social Security Scheme (SSS) | Civil Servant Medical Benefit Scheme (CSMBS) | Universal Health Coverage Scheme (UC) | Other (2%) CSMBS (8%) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| Beneficiary | Mainly employees in formal sector | Civil servants and their family (parents & children) | Thai citizens (not in SSS and CSMBS) | SSS (15%) |
| Expenditure per capita (2013) | 3,201 Baht (USD 100) | 11,182 Baht (USD 343) | 2,726 Baht (USD 85) | |
| Payment to providers | Provider (medi | rs are mostly public hos cal staff are paid by sal | spitals ary) | UC (75%) |
| Inpatient | Diagnostic Related Group (DRG) | Fee for services (& changed to DRG) | DRG | |
| Outpatient | Capitation | Fee for services | Capitation | |

The Civil Servant Medical Benefit Scheme's aggregate expenditure



2003: Outpatient care – introduced the Direct Billing Payment program (DBP)

The Civil Servant Medical Billing Scheme outpatients' Billing system

Before 2003:

patients pay upon treatment, get reimbursed later



- no co-payment
- cash-constraint patients may not receive necessary cares

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After 2003:

Direct Billing Payment Program (DBP) **no** upfront payment



Most health insurance studies look at cost-sharing tools, but non-price mechanism is rarely discussed.

Thailand: already concluded that the program led to the dramatic increase in the government expenditure but none have carefully teased out the effect.

Preview

Patient-level panel data from one large hospital, covering both before and after the Direct Billing Payment Program was in place.

Fixed effects model

on average, the program significantly affect healthcare utilization through multiple channels, but the effects are moderate.

> Two extensions:

Do the effects persist over time?

Do the patients whom the program intended to help get help?

A large body of literature on the effect of cost-sharing measures on healthcare demand (Zweifel & Manning, 2000)

> The US RAND health insurance experiment (Manning et al, 1987; Newhouse 1993)

- > Other empirical studies: an increase in the cost-sharing level ...
 - decreases outpatient visits (Chandra *et al.*, 2010; Winkelmann, 2004 and 2006; Chiappori *et al.*, 1998; and Brot-Goldberg, 2017)
 - decreases prescription drug expenditure (Rudholm, 2005; Granlund, 2009)
 - has more negative impacts among the poor (Beck, 1974; Lostao et al., 2007)

> There is no change in price (zero cost-sharing both before and after the program)

If the moral hazard exists, it should be there at the first place.

But the moral hazard could be suppressed by cash-constraint and other factors.

We are not aware of any health insurance studies examine the impact of a policy change like the DBP (pure non-price change)

Previous studies on mail-in rebates vs. instant discount

- > Mail-in rebate: consumers pay the full price first & mail the form to get the rebate
- The Direct Billing Payment program: similar to replacing the mail-in rebate with the instant discount of the same amount
- > Economics and psychology predicts that a mailed-in rebate is less preferred:
 - Consumer's high discount rate (Pyone and Isen, 2011)
 - Cash constraints and costs associated with the rebate process (Gilpatric, 2009; Tat and Schwepker, 1998)
 - Prospect Theory/Loss Aversion (Kahneman and Tversky, 1979)
 - Empirical evidences (Epley et al., 2006; Revelt and Train, 1998; Wasi and Carson, 2013)

Predict that non cash-constraint patients might as well increase their utilization

Previous studies on the Direct Billing Payment Program (DBP)

Mostly compare prescription drug charges before and after the DBP

- Pongchareonsuk and Pattanaprateep (2009)
- Dilokthornsakul et al.(2010)

Some analyze CSMBS expenditure after DBP (likely because of data availability)
 Siamwalla *et al.* (2011)

• Limwattananon et al. (2011)

□ None carefully teased out the causal effects of the DBP.

The Introduction of the Direct Billing Payment Program

The program was phase-in over the period of four years.



This paper looks at the first phase.

Patient-level database from a large public hospital

- outside the Bangkok Metropolitan area
- starting Direct Billing Payment program in June 2004

> Advantages of using administrative data vs. survey data

- relatively free of self-report error
- charges are observed even if patients do not pay at the hospital (survey only asked about out-of-pocket expense)

Available information

patients' characteristics:

age, gender, occupation, their health insurance for each outpatient visit:

date, diagnostics, total charge, charges by types

➢Sample

CSMBS patients (UC and SSS have totally different payment systems) eligible for the DBP since the first phase (four chronic diseases, regular treated) drop referred patients & those who were likely to move out of the area Define time period = 6-month

Three measures of outpatient care utilization

- number of outpatient visits (extensive margin)
- total charge per visit (intensive margin)
- share of prescription drugs charge from total charge
- Treatment intensity

> The number of final observations

= 1462 patients × 10 six-month periods (between June 2003-May 2007)

Distribution of the Number of Outpatient Visits per six-month period



Distribution of Outpatient Charge per Visit



The share of prescription drug charge



Average number of visits per six month by patients' enrollment date

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| before enrollment | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| after enrollment | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 4.7 | |

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 Patients who enrolled during the first six month have the highest numbers of visits both before and after enrollment

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For all groups, the numbers of visit increase after enrollment.

Average charge per visit and share of prescription drug charge by patients' enrollment date

treatment intensity is also higher after enrollment, and higher among those enrolling sooner.

| Average charge per visit (baht) | Enrolled Jun-Nov 04 | Enrolled Dec 04-May 05 | Enrolled Jun-Nov 05 | Enrolled Dec 05-May 06 | Enrolled Jun-Sep 06 | Never enroll |
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| Average share of prescription drug charge (%) | Enrolled Jun-Nov 04 | Enrolled Dec 04-May 05 | Enrolled Jun-Nov 05 | Enrolled Dec 05-May 06 | Enrolled Jun-Sep 06 | Never enroll |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| before enrollment | 78% | 76% | 70% | 71% | 67% | 62% |
| after enrollment | 83% | 82% | 80% | 76% | 74% | |

Other sample characteristics by CS patients' enrollment date

| | Enrolled | Enrolled | Enrolled | Enrolled | Enrolled | Never |
|---|------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------|
| | Jun-Nov 04 | Dec04-May 05 | Jun-Nov 05 | Dec05-May06 | Jun-Sep 06 | enroll |
| Age | 64 | 65 | 66 | 64 | 67 | 62 |
| Distance to the hospital | | | | | | |
| Same district as the hospital | 0.67 | 0.51 | 0.61 | 0.54 | 0.44 | 0.45 |
| Different district, but same province as the hospital | 0.27 | 0.41 | 0.31 | 0.38 | 0.44 | 0.45 |
| Different province | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.1 |
| Illnesses | | | | | | |
| Diabetes mellitus | 0.58 | 0.6 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 0.41 | 0.47 |
| Hypertension | 0.84 | 0.85 | 0.88 | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.78 |
| Circulatory system/heart diseases | 0.31 | 0.27 | 0.24 | 0.23 | 0.3 | 0.26 |
| Cerebrovascular diseases | 0.13 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.1 | 0.11 | 0.12 |

Other characteristics: occupation, gender, more detailed illnesses.

 \succ Number of outpatient visits : non-negative integer \rightarrow Poisson model

- \succ Charge per visit : positive with long tails \rightarrow log-linear specification
- \succ Share of prescription drug charge \rightarrow linear specification

Estimate two versions:

I. no fixed effects, but include observed characteristics
 & use enrollment date dummies to capture unobserved heterogeneity
 II. with fixed effects, no time-invariant characteristics

All models include time dummies and illnesses.

Main results – average effects of the Direct Billing Payment program

| Dependent Explanatory variable variable | Number (marginal | of visits effects) | Charge per visit (*100=%change) | | Share of prescription drug charge | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|---|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | No FE | FE | No FE | FE | No FE | FE |
| 1 if enroll | 0.855** | 0.908** | 0.076* | 0.099** | 0.016* | 0.024** |
| Time dummies (omitted Jun02-Nov03) | | | | | | |
| Dec 03 - May 04 | -0.067 | -0.071 | 0.127** | 0.141** | 0.017* | 0.017** |
| Jun04 - Nov 04 | -0.173 | -0.201 | 0.152** | 0.160** | 0.019* | 0.016* |
| Dec 04- May 05 | -0.627** | -0.649** | 0.360** | 0.379** | 0.039** | 0.038** |
| Jun 05 - Nov 05 | -0.957** | -0.995** | 0.399** | 0.430** | 0.049** | 0.045** |
| Dec 05 - May 06 | -0.737** | -0.78** | 0.426** | 0.476** | 0.034** | 0.036** |
| Jun 06 - Nov 06 | -0.91** | -0.892** | 0.539** | 0.596** | 0.047** | 0.049** |
| Dec 06 - May 07 | -0.854** | -0.94** | 0.644** | 0.715** | 0.054** | 0.059** |
| Jun 07 - Nov 07 | -0.572** | -0.661** | 0.573** | 0.664** | 0.044** | 0.050** |
| Dec 07 - May 08 | -1.125** | -1.221** | 0.600** | 0.720** | 0.050** | 0.060** |



>DBP increases healthcare utilization through both the extensive & intensive margins

> The magnitudes are much lower than what a simple before-and-after difference suggests:

| Measurement | The estimated impact of DBP | Before-and-after difference | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Charge per Visits | +7.6 to 9.9 % | +86% | | |
| Share of Drugs charge | +1.6% to 2.4% | +10% | | |

Time dummies capture a large fraction of the increase in charge and %drug charge.
Arug price inflation?

→ changes in medical practices common among all CS outpatients? (cross-subsidizing the other two public schemes or CS inpatients switched to DRG earlier?) > Do the effects persist over time?

> Do the patients whom the program intended to help get help?

Extension1: Do effects persist over time?

Average number of visits pre- and post- enrollment



| Enrollment period | Jun-Nov 04 | Dec04-May05 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| t-3 | | Jun03–Nov03 |
| t-2 | Jun03–Nov03 | Dec03-May04 |
| t-1 | Dec03-May04 | Jun04-Nov04 |
| t | Jun04-Nov04 | Dec04-May05 |
| t+1 | Dec04-May05 | Jun05-Nov05 |
| t+2 | | |
| | | |
| t+6 | | Dec06-May07 |
| t+7 | Dec06-May07 | |

Average number of visits pre- and post- enrollment by patients' enrollment date



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- The average numbers of visits clearly jumped to a new level after enrollment.
- Not much change for the never enroll group.

Average charge per visit

Share of prescription drug charge



Both exhibit positive trends even patients before enrollment

| Estimated effects of DBP relative to before enrollment | The number of visits | Charge per visit (%change) | Share of prescription drug charge |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Time elapsed since enrollment | | | |
| 0-6 months | 1.428** | -0.047 | 0.013 |
| 7-12 months | 0.645** | 0.191** | 0.028** |
| 13-18 months | 0.724** | 0.207** | 0.038** |
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| Average effects | 0.908 | 0.099 | .024 | | | |

- > Average effects mask heterogeneity across time.
- > Why so? Change in the patient mix?

Extension2: Do people who the program intended to help get helped?

The program intended to help beneficiaries with cash-constraint but income or wealth are not observed.

Can we proxy under-treated patients by low numbers of visits before enrollment?
 some of those who rarely visited the hospital might not be sick.

Ideally, wish to compare the change in behaviors of those with the same illnesses but different levels of cash-constraint Classifying patients based on their illnesses & utilization before enrollment

- > observations before enrollment only
- estimate the visit model based on illnesses and predict the number of visits residual = actual number of visits - predicted number of visits

(+) residual \rightarrow visits more often \uparrow than the average patients with the same illnesses (-) residual \rightarrow less often > observations before enrollment only

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estimate the charge per visit model based on illnesses and predict charge per visit residual = actual charge – predicted charge

(+) residual \rightarrow charge per visit was higher than the average patients with the same illnesses (-) residual \rightarrow lower

Patients can be classified into four groups based on their residuals in two models:

group 1: Lower visit, lower charge group 2: Lower visit, higher charge group 3: higher visit, lower charge group 4: higher visit, higher charge

_ compared to the average patient with the same illnesses

Scroup 1 is most likely cash-constraint patients.

Estimated effects of DBP by patient types

| | The number of visits | Charge per visit (*100=%change) | Share of prescription drug charge | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Compared to average patients with same illnesses | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lower visit, lower charge | 2.51** | 0.33** | 0.076** | | | | | | | |
| Lower visit, higher charge | 2.23** | -0.22** | -0.024* | | | | | | | |
| Higher visit, lower charge | 0.32 | 0.28** | 0.060** | | | | | | | |
| Higher visit, higher charge | 0.27 | -0.07 | -0.023** | | | | | | | |
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Also uses another alternative method

use residuals from a total charge model to classify patients total charge = no. of visits x charge per visit

Consistent results:

the likely cash-constrained patients increase their utilization more proportionally

- We find evidence that a change of a billing system can affect healthcare utilization even if there is no change in price.
- The impacts occurred through multiple channels: the number of visits increases, for each visit, the charge per visit & share of prescription drug charge increase.
- > The magnitude of the average effect is moderate, but persistent.
- The results suggest that the likely-cash-constrained patients increase their healthcare utilization more proportionally after the program launched.

Conclusions & discussion

Limitations:

- The scheme considered here is zero cost-sharing.

(may expect less impact for positive cost-sharing scheme.)

- The results are estimated from chronic patients in one public hospital.
- The method used to identify the likely cash-constraint patients is imperfect.

Recent changes of CSMBS:

- limit certain types of drugs or services
- use national ID when visiting hospitals

but there is still no cost-sharing measures from demand-side or supply-side.

> Future work may try to assess to which extent the increase in utilization is worth or wasteful.

Some more details

The probability that the number of visits $(y_{it}) = j$ is given by:

$$f(y_{it}|\mu_{it}) = \frac{e^{-\mu_{it}}\mu_{it}^{y_{it}}}{y_{it}!} \qquad j = 0, 1, 2, ...; i = 1, ..., n; t = 1, ..., 10.$$

where y_{it} is drawn from a Poisson distribution with parameter μ_{it} .

The expected number of visits per period, μ_{it} , is specified to be a function of covariates.

Poisson Regression model for number of visits

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- D_{it} 1 if patient *i* enrolls to DBP at period *t*
- $\circ \gamma_t$ time dummies
- Z_i time-invariant characteristics, including enrollment date
- *X_{it}* characteristics which vary across times -- illnesses

Model I: use observed characteristics to control for heterogeneity (No Fixed effects)

$$E[y_{it}|\alpha, \gamma_t, D_{it}, X, Z] = \mu_{it} = exp(\alpha + \gamma_t + \beta D_{it} + X_{it}\delta + Z_i\lambda)$$

Model II: Fixed effects model: α_i capture both observed and unobserved heterogeneity

$$E[y_{it}|\alpha_i, \gamma_t, D_{it}, X_{it}] = \mu_{it} = \alpha_i exp(\gamma_t + \beta D_{it} + X_{it}\delta)$$

Specifications for Charge per visit and share of prescription drug charge

Each observed outcome of person i at period t

$$y_{it} = \alpha_i + \gamma_t + \beta D_{it} + X_{it}\delta + \varepsilon_{it}$$
, $i=1,...,n; t=1,...,10.$

where y_{it} is either log(cost per visit) or % prescription drug charge

No Fixed effects model: $\alpha_i = \alpha + Z_i \lambda$ Fixed effects model: $\alpha_i = \alpha + Z_i \lambda + \eta_i$ (the unobserved factor of person i)

| ł | • | | | | Share of p | rescription | Diseases of pulp & | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Outpatie | nt visits | Charge p | er visit | drug | charge | periapical | 1.262** | 1.039** | -0.218** | -0.132** | -0.069** | -0.060** |
| | No Fixed | Fixed | No Fixed | Fixed | No Fixed | Fixed | tissues/gingivitis diseases | (0.19) | (0.137) | (0.048) | (0.028) | (0.012) | (0.008) |
| | effects | effects | effects | effects | effects | effects | Other oral diseases | 0.924** | 1.106** | -0.188** | -0.094* | -0.095** | -0.068** |
| Diabetes mellitus | 0.666** | 0.58** | 0.382** | 0.128* | 0.024* | 0.009 | | (0.249) | (0.189) | (0.064) | (0.038) | (0.017) | (0.013) |
| | (0.104) | (0.217) | (0.044) | (0.056) | (0.010) | (0.012) | Functional dyspepsia | 1.306** | 1.012** | -0.120* | -0.026 | -0.031* | -0.018* |
| Hamortoncion | 0.575** | 0.720** | 0.223** | 0 123* | 0.063** | 0.031** | Disorders of stomach | (0.233) | (0.158) | (0.058) | (0.038) | (0.014) | (0.009) |
| Hypertension | (0.117) | (0.125 | (0.050) | (0.053) | (0.003 ** | 0.00100 | Disorders of esophagus | 1.162** | 0.829** | -0.06 | -0.029 | -0.048* | -0.013 |
| 6. J. | (0.117) | (0.186) | (0.059) | (0.052) | (0.015) | (0.012) | Cataracte | 0.020** | 0.726** | (0.062) | -0.131** | -0.037** | -0.020* |
| Circulatory system or | 0.51/** | 1.04/** | 0.311** | 0.211** | 0.036** | 0.048** | Catalacts | (0.183) | (0.15) | (0.051) | (0.035) | (0.012) | (0.009) |
| heart diseases | (0.125) | (0.27) | (0.050) | (0.069) | (0.010) | (0.014) | Glaucoma | 1.069** | 0.924** | 0.228** | 0.164 | 0.060** | 0.022 |
| Cerebrovascular diseases | 0.492** | 0.852** | 0.288** | 0.386** | 0.044** | 0.035* | | (0.204) | (0.323) | (0.079) | (0.113) | (0.015) | (0.022) |
| | (0.161) | (0.295) | (0.067) | (0.102) | (0.014) | (0.016) | Other disorders of eyes | 1.149** | 0.937** | -0.221** | -0.138** | -0.016 | 0.009 |
| Renal failure or | 2.151** | 0.66 | 0.505** | 0.237** | 0.022 | 0.029 | and ears | (0.299) | (0.233) | (0.081) | (0.050) | (0.020) | (0.014) |
| care involving dialysis | (0.663) | (0.376) | (0.087) | (0.085) | (0.015) | (0.017) | Acute cold and other URIs | 1.301** | 0.66** | -0.149** | -0.109** | 0.013 | -0.005 |
| Rheumatoid arthritis | 1.156* | 1.036* | 0.309* | -0.149 | 0.062** | -0.025 | | (0.148) | (0.127) | (0.038) | (0.023) | (0.009) | (0.006) |
| | (0.483) | (0.514) | (0.127) | (0.096) | (0.019) | (0.021) | Chronic lower respiratory | 0.867** | 0.665** | 0.034 | -0.024 | 0.017 | -0.004 |
| Diambea and | 1 129** | 0.659** | -0 247** | -0.098* | -0.025 | -0.004 | diseases | (0.139) | (0.196) | (0.059) | (0.054) | (0.012) | (0.011) |
| and and and | (0.257) | (0.149) | (0.060) | (0.030) | (0.015) | (0.010) | Gout | 0.484* | 0.718 | 0.044 | 0.186* | -0.001 | 0.032 |
| Others in Continues diseases | (0.257) | 0.009** | (0.000) | 0.097 | 0.002 | (0.010) | Andersein | (0.197) | (0.386) | (0.074) | (0.091) | (0.015) | (0.023) |
| Other infectious diseases | 0.994** | 0.808** | -0.108 | -0.087 | 0.008 | -0.001 | Arthrosis | (0.142) | 0.628** | 0.211** | 0.145** | 0.000 | 0.045** |
| | (0.311) | (0.207) | (0.063) | (0.051) | (0.018) | (0.015) | Spandylasis ar astaanthuitis | (0.142) | (0.171) | (0.047) | (0.028) | 0.025 | 0.006 |
| Malignant neoplasms | 1.428** | 1.458** | 0.082 | 0.009 | -0.034 | -0.003 | spondylosis of osteoartimus | (0.284) | (0.223) | (0.064) | (0.047) | (0.015) | (0.011) |
| or cancer | (0.411) | (0.504) | (0.129) | (0.104) | (0.022) | (0.026) | Dorsalgia | 1 142** | 0.636** | 0 1 | 0.066 | 0.040** | 0.021* |
| Disorders of metabolism | 0.349** | 0.351** | 0.130** | 0.051* | -0.001 | -0.001 | Dorsalgia | (0.208) | (0.181) | (0.052) | (0.038) | (0.011) | (0.008) |
| lipoprotein & lipidaemias | (0.105) | (0.093) | (0.039) | (0.021) | (0.009) | (0.005) | Other soft tissue disorders | 1.54** | 1.179** | -0.102* | -0.048 | 0.008 | 0.006 |
| Endocrine, nutritional | 0.879** | 0.599** | -0.028 | -0.014 | -0.040* | -0.027* | | (0.28) | (0.225) | (0.049) | (0.035) | (0.012) | (0.008) |
| & metabolic diseases | (0.25) | (0.216) | (0.075) | (0.048) | (0.019) | (0.013) | Other muscle and joint pains | 0.839** | 0.479** | -0.005 | 0.026 | 0.026** | 0.012* |
| Parkinson's disease | -0.018 | 0.732 | 0.743** | 0.208 | 0.052 | 0.014 | | (0.173) | (0.123) | (0.038) | (0.024) | (0.009) | (0.006) |
| | (0.265) | (0.449) | (0.138) | (0.173) | (0.033) | (0.025) | Hyperplasia of prostate | 2.017** | 0.965** | 0.526** | 0.195** | 0.108** | 0.046** |
| Minning or other | 0.760* | 0 940** | 0.267** | 0.154** | 0.034* | 0.016 | | (0.251) | (0.253) | (0.068) | (0.053) | (0.013) | (0.014) |
| Migraine or other | 0.709* | (0.200) | -0.307** | -0.134** | -0.034* | -0.010 | Dizziness and giddiness | 1.058** | 0.999** | -0.315** | -0.118** | -0.041** | -0.014 |
| neadache syndromes | (0.54) | (0.309) | (0.087) | (0.036) | (0.017) | (0.014) | Tarinai a Garaga da | (0.207) | (0.15) | (0.049) | (0.027) | (0.013) | (0.008) |
| Other diseases of | 1.057* | 0.479 | 0.146 | -0.08 | -0.012 | -0.024 | fractures (wounds, | (0.683) | (0.411) | -0.239 | -0.036 | -0.001 | -0.000 |
| the nervous system | (0.461) | (0.255) | (0.090) | (0.043) | (0.021) | (0.012) | Iniuries from accidents | -0.086 | -0.4 | .0.045 | -0.041 | 0.034 | 0.013 |
| Mental and behavioral | 1.689** | 1.336** | 0.12 | 0.089 | 0.058** | 0.035** | external factors | (0.488) | (0.302) | (0.147) | (0.091) | (0.036) | (0.025) |
| disorders | (0.358) | (0.399) | (0.075) | (0.055) | (0.022) | (0.011) | General examinations | 0.838** | 0.513** | -0.049 | -0.058 | -0.02 | -0.025** |
| Dental caries | 0.803** | 0.555** | 0.111 | 0.024 | -0.047** | -0.048** | and investigations | (0.156) | (0.128) | (0.044) | (0.030) | (0.012) | (0.008) |
| | (0.214) | (0.17) | (0.069) | (0.037) | (0.016) | (0.012) | Special examinations | 1.35** | 1.149** | 0.019 | -0.054 | -0.079** | -0.080** |
| | | | | | | | and investigations | (0.253) | (0.183) | (0.050) | (0.031) | (0.014) | (0.010) |
| | | | | | | | Follow-up examinations & | 1.885** | 1.575** | -0.064 | -0.074** | -0.023* | -0.029** |

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