

CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES OF PUBLIC HEALTH CARE POLICIES IN BIHOR COUNTY IN NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN CONTEXT

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Abstract. *This article carries out an analysis of public health policies in Bihor County as compared to those on national level and those of EU countries taken as models, targets towards which we aspire as a country which has recently joined the Union. It is to be mentioned that the analysis uses quantitative indicators and statistical sources. It dwells on the idea of a direct correlation between the economic development and the adopted social model on the one hand and the quality of the medical environment, on the other hand. The final conclusion drawn is that, even after the year 2000, Romania has invested reduced sums in public healthcare as compared to highly developed European countries, owing to which the quality indicators on public healthcare fall behind the average European ones. It can also be estimated that in the period of economic and social crisis that is drawing near, the scarcity of resources will negatively influence all healthcare indicators and the quality of people's life.*

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