


Chapter 13

The Role of the State in Health Management, a Comprehensive Analysis: State and Health Management

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ABSTRACT

The state plays a pivotal role in health management by integrating individual, societal, systemic, and cultural dimensions into cohesive frameworks for public health governance. This chapter explores the evolving responsibilities of the state in health policy formulation, disease control, resource allocation, and collaboration with international health organizations. Anchored in the innovative 5S framework—Self, Society, State, System, and Spirituality—it highlights the intricate interplay between personal health responsibility, community initiatives, systemic healthcare delivery, and the influence of cultural beliefs. The analysis underscores the necessity of aligning health policies with social determinants to enhance equity and resilience. By emphasizing evidence-based approaches and interdisciplinary collaboration, this chapter offers insights into overcoming contemporary health challenges and fostering sustainable public health outcomes.

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1. INTRODUCTION TO THE ROLE OF THE STATE IN HEALTH MANAGEMENT

The state plays a major role in shaping the health of both individuals and communities. The advent of a modern public health system that improved health standards in Europe and world was the result of state intervention. The state's role in health management changed much over time. In modern times, the concept of health management has evolved and now it includes decision-making, development of health policy, planning, organization, and financial implementation of managing care, as it is comprehensive in nature. Governance is first described as a constructive link between statutory and organizational principles for the functioning of sovereign states, captured in Hobbesian terms, which was later characterized as 'the art and science of policy environment. (Andrews, 2008)

This development is similar between the two waves, but healthcare settings post-democratic governance are quite different, especially after the de-institutionalization of control and delinking of people from their previously established social structures as a result of global changes in the pattern of government, politics, economy, ideology, and society. Health policy and its implementation must be made in the light of national and global contexts. The performance of any healthcare system depends upon the management and strategies adopted by the policymakers to ensure its success. Government policies based on the principles of equity and social justice are of prime importance. Policies that respond to social determinants have an important role in improving population health. Public health researchers are increasingly calling for public health and healthcare solutions to be predominant in health policy. Far from the controversial debate about whether healthcare policies are important in improving health outcomes, the policy guidance provides an opportunity for policymakers to recognize the dominant pattern of healthcare in health policy and its impact on policy objectives. The challenge is to explain public health research in the field of healthcare policy that appeals to policymakers. (Sigal & Bakumenko, 2020)

2. THE 5S APPROACH IN HEALTH MANAGEMENT

We chose to discuss in this chapter the 5S approach as a comprehensive framework on health, for it represents the five interconnected dimensions of health and well-being: self, society, state, system, and spirituality. Let us break this down. First, the understanding of 'self' throws light on the significance of personal role and responsibility in an individual's health maintenance. 'Society' questions the status quo of how communities would run into crises and disorders, compromising human well-being, highlighting the significance of local health initiatives. This approach

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