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Abstract This study introduces optimal health economic and financial policies in Iran. These policies in Iran is directed by the authorities that are traditionally mostly concerned about health practice, especially in the public sector, regarding financial and economic aspects passive to whatever the health practice is willing or able to do. This implies that the attention paid to the economic aspects of health performance is left to the analyses and decisions from other groups, outside the health sector. The study takes account of the main economic characteristics of Iran's health sector and its performances to provide the rationale for government intervention in the sector. This means that if the health authorities are concerned about out-of-pocket payments, social health insurance performance and coverage, for-profit and not-for-profit health institutions performances, and shares of the main financial sources in total health expenditure, they need to specify a number of objectives and targets, and then, establish policies to move toward the targets. The policies take account of main issues in the health economics context for role of the public sector, requirements for social health insurance, and shares of the main sources of funds in total health expenditure.
