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Assessment of a population's out of pocket expenditure due to health care is essential to understanding a country's ability to achieve Universal Health Coverage. Out of pocket expenditure is an often overlooked part of health care access, even though data shows that out of pocket expenditures directly influence patient and household decisions in seeking care and delaying care. Moreover, the threat of impoverishment or catastrophic expenditure after care endanger population health outcomes, economic productivity, and overall country GDP down the line. In order to understand and achieve SDG Universal Health Care, a proper accounting of out of pocket expenditure and its influence in the health system must take place. This is only possible with systemic, widespread collection of this data, which the DHS can help to achieve.

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