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The main objective of this study was to examine factors affecting AIDS preventive behavior of female commercial sex workers. The sample of 398 commercial sex workers were drawn purposively from those who visited the STD/AIDS control center region 5, Nakhon Ratchasima Province for the physical check-up and tested for STD's and HIV infection. These sex workers were interviewed through the questionnaire.

The results obtained from cross-tabulations and Chi-Square Tests indicated that significant factors affecting AIDS preventive behavior of the commercial sex workers as hypothesized were the support of the owners and frequency of communication and information exchanged with their co-workers working in the same place.

The multiple regression analysis was also used to examine the determinants of AIDS preventive behavior of female commercial sex workers. After controlling for the influence of following factor; sex workers's characteristics, knowledge of AIDS, perception of risk of getting AIDS, social environments, the results showed that level of knowledge of AIDS, AIDS preventive behavior of clients, support of owners, and frequency of communication and information exchanged with their co-workers have statistically significant impact on the AIDS preventive behavior of sex workers. In addition, sex workers who worked at the massage parlors had higher level of AIDS preventive behavior when compared with those who worked at the brothel. The commercial sex workers who worked in other types of sex service places (i.e. call girl, freelance, tea-shop, a go-go bar) had lowest level of AIDS preventive behavior.

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