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The purposes of this study were to explore the relationship between elderly's needs for health services and accessable to health services offered by the hospitals in the program. An interview questionnaires , constructed by the researcher, was used for data collection. Three hundred and fifty elderly belonging to the Elderly Members Association were randomly selected as samples of study. Percentage and the chi-square test were employed for data analysis.

The results of study were :

1. The elderly need health services in almost all areas. Their need for health services coincided with the ones that had been provided for them on a regular basis.
2. The more the elderly know about and use exiting health services, the more they need and use these services.

The results of this study imply that health services offered by the public health agency should be adjusted in relevant to the elderly needs and cover all areas of medical services. Since the need for health services of the elderly relied on their, good knowledge or advise of the services, as well as the expansion to health card coverage which the elderly was mostly used without service charged because the card make them eligible to the health services.