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The first Urban Health Center was established in Ayutthaya. There are now Urban Health Centers established in 20 other provinces.

This study was conducted to measure commuters' participation in two Urban Health Center's in Ayutthaya. Their operation include meetings, donations, initiating, work services consumption, device donations and information.

It was found that commuters participated in all Urban Health Centers' activities at a middle level ($\bar{X} = 2.48$). For Urban Health Centers which provided family practice, such as Pomphet Urban Health Center, the commuters' participation was at a high level ($\bar{X} = 3.74$). The highest levels are found in services consumers ($\bar{X} = 4.82$), followed by the information disseminators and money donators which were at lower level ($\bar{X} = 4.71$ and 3.86 respectively). Comparing with the Wat Kluay Urban Health Center, which was normally providing the same care as that provided in a rural Health Center, the commuter's participation was at the lowest level. ($\bar{X} = 1.40$).

Considering factors related to commuters' participation, it was found that the continuous activities of a Health Center, the interest of family leaders in joining any organization, the opportunities which a Health Center open for members to join, home visiting with Health Center personnel and commuters in their native towns of commuters were related to the commuters' participation with an expected value of 85.74%

The study suggests that in order to improve the services of all Health Centers, they should provide good care which includes Equity, Quality, Efficiency and Social Accountability. Health Centers should include the concept of family practice to implement their services.