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ABSTRACT

This quantitative-descriptive correlational research sought to examine the factors associated with the extent of utilization of health care services of Panay-Bukidnon Indigenous Peoples in the Municipality of Calinog, Province of Iloilo. Specifically, this study aimed to: describe the selected characteristics of the respondents in terms of age, sex, educational attainment, occupational status, and income; determine the respondents' level of awareness of health services, the accessibility to health services, and their' extent of utilization of health services, on the BHS; determine if there is a significant relationship between selected characteristics of respondents and their level of awareness of health services, and their extent of utilization of health services, services, and their extent of awareness, their accessibility to health services, and their extent of awareness of health services and their level of awareness and extent of utilization of health services.

The sample respondents of this study were utilization 171 Panay-Bukidnon Indigenous People Barangays Binolusan Grande, Caratagan and Manaripay, in the Municipality of Calinog, Province of Iloilo. The sample respondents were drawn in using Stratified Random Sampling. The Statistical Package for Sciences Software (SPSS) was used and analysis of data. This study found out that there were more females than males and more married than single respondents and the IPs.

Majority of the IP respondents had a high level of awareness about health services but due to distance between house and travelling time, they failed to attend or participate in seminars and information dissemination about health.

In addition, the study found out that age is a significant determinant of extent of utilization of health services. The data also showed that the younger the respondents, the higher their extent of utilizing health care services offered in the barangay health station. Also, respondents who were employed as well as those who had a higher household. Furthermore, it follows that respondents who have a high level of awareness also have a high extent of utilization.