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Health Services and Health Policies from Past to Present in Turkey

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Background: In many countries health services are accepted as a service that should be given by the state. However, it can be seen that globalization and neoliberal policies have caused this mindset to disappear gradually. The state's role within the health system and its policies in the field of health are determinants of the state's way of offering health services.

Aim: The aim of this study is to find out the effects of health policies in Turkey on health services by discussing these policies in five periods.

Results: When the literature was reviewed, health policies that have been implemented and the health services that have been presented from past to present have been discussed in five parts in general as follows: 1. Health Services and Health Policies between 1923 and 1937, 2. Health Services and Health Policies between 1938 and 1960, 3. Health Services and Health Policies between 1960 and 1980, 4. Health Services and Health Policies between 1980 and 2002 and 5. Health Services and Health Policies after 2002.

Conclusion: Significant changes have occurred in Turkey in the field of health. Health services are offered and financed by the state and preventive health services are considered important and began to transform the system into "Market Type Health Care System" in which the state becomes the planner and supervisor and in which health services are commercialized.

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