C. DEFINITION OF HEALTH EXPENDITURE

- Health spending consists of health and health-related expenditures. Expenditures are defined on the basis of their primary or predominant purpose of improving health, regardless of the primary function or activity of the entity providing or paying for the associated health services.

- Health includes both the health of individuals as well as of groups of individuals or population. Health expenditure consists of all expenditures or outlays for medical care, prevention, promotion, rehabilitation, community health activities, health administration and regulation and capital formation with the predominant objective of improving health.

- Health-related expenditures include expenditures on health-related functions such as medical education and training, and research and development.