

**Table 2 Key indicators of financial protection in health spending, Islamic Republic of Iran**

Area or quintile	Catastrophic health expenditures <sup>a</sup> (%)			Impoverishing health expenditures <sup>b</sup> (%)		
	Headcount ratio		Absolute change <sup>c</sup>	Headcount ratio		Absolute change <sup>c</sup>
	2014	2015		2014	2015	
<b>Area</b>						
National	2.9	2.1	-0.8*	0.2	0.5	0.3**
Urban	2.6	1.7	-0.9*	0.1	0.1	0.0
Rural	3.8	3.2	-0.5	0.6	1.5	0.9***
<b>Quintile</b>						
Q1	2.3	2.2	-0.1	1.1	2.2	1.1**
Q2	2.1	1.5	-0.6	0.0	0.1	0.1
Q3	2.1	1.7	-0.4	0.0	0.0	
Q4	3.4	2.2	-1.3	0.0	0.0	
Q5	4.9	3.3	-1.6	0.0	0.0	

\*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001.

<sup>a</sup>Defined as 40% or more of nonsubsistence food expenditure.

<sup>b</sup>Using the 2011 international poverty line of US\$ 1.90 purchasing power parity.

<sup>c</sup>Subject to rounding.