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Formation of Municipal Health Policy: An Adaptive Approach

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ABSTRACT

The article explores the process of developing an adaptive municipal health policy in Ukraine amid wartime challenges, digital transformation, and European integration reforms. Based on an interdisciplinary approach, it analyzes key concepts of modern governance – adaptive governance, complex adaptive systems, and the agile approach in the public sector. The study finds that the effectiveness of municipal health policy is ensured through a combination of flexibility, decentralization, digitalization, and partnership among the state, communities, businesses, and civil society. Particular attention is paid to analyzing the experience of Ukrainian municipalities during the war, which demonstrated institutional learning, crisis management, and digital coordination of medical services. The influence of European integration processes on the modernization of local health systems, legislative harmonization, implementation of European quality standards, and development of partnership programs with cities of the European Union is examined. A conceptual model of adaptive management is proposed, combining the principles of resilience, inclusiveness, and innovation. The results of the study have both theoretical and practical significance for developing strategies for the recovery and advancement of municipal health policy in Ukraine, focused on patient-centered care, quality, and sustainable development within the context of European integration.

KEYWORDS

public management and administration, adaptive management, digitalization, healthcare, sustainable development, territorial communities, inclusiveness.

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АНОТАЦІЯ

У статті досліджено процес формування адаптивної муніципальної політики охорони здоров'я в Україні в умовах воєнних викликів, цифрової трансформації та євроінтеграційних реформ. На основі міждисциплінарного підходу проаналізовано ключові концепції сучасного управління – адаптивне врядування, комплексні адаптивні системи та agile-підхід у публічному секторі. Визначено, що ефективність муніципальної політики у сфері здоров'я забезпечується поєднанням гнучкості, децентралізації, цифровізації та партнерської взаємодії між державою, громадами, бізнесом і громадянським суспільством. Окрему увагу приділено аналізу досвіду українських громад у період війни, які продемонстрували здатність до інституційного навчання, кризового менеджменту та цифрової координації медичних послуг. Досліджено вплив євроінтеграційних процесів на модернізацію місцевих систем охорони здоров'я, гармонізацію законодавства, упровадження європейських стандартів якості та розвиток програм партнерства з містами Європейського Союзу. Запропоновано концептуальну модель адаптивного управління, що поєднує принципи стійкості, інклюзивності та інноваційності. Результати дослідження мають теоретичне й практичне значення для розроблення стратегій відновлення та розвитку муніципальної політики охорони здоров'я в Україні, орієнтованих на пацієнта, якість і сталий розвиток у контексті європейської інтеграції.

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публічне управління та адміністрування, адаптивне управління, цифровізація, охорона здоров'я, сталий розвиток, територіальні громади, інклюзивність.

1. Introduction

Ukraine's healthcare system is going through one of the most difficult stages of its history, combining the need to respond to the consequences of a full-scale war, overcoming socio-economic disparities, and the need for strategic modernization. Global processes driven by the COVID-19 pandemic, the war, the digital transformation of public administration, and the aggravation of security threats have exposed the vulnerability of traditional models of public policy in the field of healthcare. In these conditions, there is an urgent need to form an adaptive, inclusive and sustainable health management system capable of functioning effectively in conditions of uncertainty and multi-level crises.

Of particular relevance for Ukraine is the rethinking of the role of the municipal level in ensuring equal access to medical services and the implementation of strategies for sustainable development of territories. It is territorial communities that become the leading links in ensuring the viability of the system – from the organization of primary health care to the implementation of mental health programs, rehabilitation of veterans, coordination of humanitarian aid and digitalization of medical services. In this context, adaptive governance is seen as a key approach to building a modern health policy that combines flexibility, partnership, and strategic learning.

Given the growing challenges – military operations, energy instability, migration processes, inequality of access to medical services – mechanisms for modernizing public policy, which rely on digital solutions, innovative management technologies, and intersectoral interaction, are of particular importance. The implementation of such mechanisms is aimed not only at improving the efficiency of management, but also at forming a sustainable health care system capable of self-learning, adaptation and development even in crisis conditions.

At the same time, the successful implementation of these tasks is impossible without an effective partnership between the state, local governments, society and international donors, which ensures the sustainability of reforms, institutional trust and integration of the Ukrainian healthcare system into the European space. It is the comprehensive understanding of these processes that determines the scientific and practical value of this work.

2. Literature Review

Scientific publications demonstrate the intensification of research in the direction of adaptive governance in health care systems at the level of territorial communities, which is especially important in the context of post-pandemic transformation and the emergence of global crises. The focus is on the resilience of municipal structures, the integration of digital tools, and the flexibility of management in conditions of uncertainty.

The scientific study by O. Nzewi considers the concept of "adaptive governance for resilient local service delivery", which emphasizes the role of local governments as institutions capable of responding quickly to social and health crises. The author emphasizes that adaptive governance contributes to institutional plasticity, ensures citizen participation and partnerships between sectors, creating the basis for results-oriented municipal health policy [11].

Similar conclusions are presented in a study by S. Winoto et al., who investigated the practice of the municipality of Surabaya (Indonesia) during the transition period from pandemic to endemic. The authors point out that effective governance at the local level is based on the adaptation of procedures, building trust in public institutions and flexible reallocation of resources, which allows for ensuring the continuity of health services in times of crisis [16].

Scientific research by A. Freitas and P. Santana reveals an approach to an integrated municipal health strategy that puts health at the center of urban planning. The researchers propose a combination of urban, social and health dimensions of policy, creating a holistic approach to health management at the level of territorial communities. They also emphasize the importance of coordination between municipalities for the efficient use of resources and overcoming territorial inequalities in access to health services [4].

An important area of research was the study of adaptive leadership at the local level. The work of C. Garavaglia et al. analyzes the actions of Italian mayors during the COVID-19 pandemic. The authors show that adaptive leadership contributed to the development of "organizational learning" and the

transformation of local health care systems into institutions with a high level of resilience. This study was one of the first to combine the concepts of "crisis governance" and "community health leadership" [5].

It is worth noting that the study by D. Akompab et al. focused on the role of stakeholders in shaping municipal adaptation policies (on the example of the heat crisis in Australia). The paper describes how adaptive management processes help to coordinate actions between levels of government, science and the public. This highlights the growing role of participatory governance in healthcare, an approach that is becoming the basis of municipal policy in European countries [1].

The use of a systemic approach has become a key feature of recent research. In particular, L. Paina and D. Peters consider municipal health care systems as complex adaptive systems where numerous actors (doctors, communities, managers, digital services) interact. This approach allows assessing the vulnerability of the system, identifying its "flexibility points" and creating conditions for sustainable institutional development [13].

In general, in recent years, three main areas relevant to Ukraine have been formed in world science: "resilience-oriented governance" – management that forms the capacity of communities to adapt to shocks; "community-integrated planning" – orientation to intermunicipal cooperation and public participation; "digital and adaptive leadership' – a combination of digitalization with agile governance [4, 5, 11, 16].

These trends form a new paradigm of municipal health policy, in which adaptability becomes not a reaction to a crisis, but a permanent characteristic of the management system.

Thus, modern research in 2021–2025 shows that the adaptive approach in municipal health policy is a comprehensive system that combines institutional resilience, digital integration, multi-level governance, and citizen participation. It forms the basis for the humanistic and innovative development of healthcare, which is especially important for Ukraine in the context of European integration and post-war recovery.

3. Problem Statement

The article is aimed at generalizing theoretical approaches, studying practice and developing practical recommendations for improving the mechanisms for modernizing the state health care policy in Ukraine and analyzing the tools that ensure the stability of the system in the face of modern challenges, equal access to quality medical services at all levels, integration of innovative technologies and digital solutions, as well as effective partnership between the state, communities and international donors.

4. Methods and Materials

The study uses an interdisciplinary approach that combines the tools of public administration, strategic planning, social policy, economic analysis and modern concepts of adaptive governance in the field of healthcare. The methodological framework of the work was formed at the intersection of such scientific areas as municipal administration, digital governance, social sustainability of communities and innovative economy, which made it possible to holistically consider the process of modernization of the healthcare system in the context of military challenges and post-pandemic transformation.

The materials of the study were publications from leading international databases (PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science), which cover the issues of adaptive management in health care systems, digitalization of medical services, the development of municipal sustainability strategies, as well as the practice of integrating mental health, telemedicine and social entrepreneurship into health policy.

The methodological basis of the study included system analysis, comparative analysis, case study method, content analysis, and expert assessment method.

The deterministic complex of these methods ensured the integration of theoretical provisions, empirical observations and statistical data into a single analytical system, which made it possible to develop a conceptual model of adaptive municipal health care policy, which combines the principles of decentralization, digitalization, network governance, psychosocial integration, economic adaptation, flexibility and learning.

Thus, the use of interdisciplinary and adaptive methodology made it possible to create a scientifically grounded basis for the development of practical mechanisms for the modernization of the

state and municipal health care policy of Ukraine, taking into account modern challenges – war, digital transformation and European integration processes.

5. Results and Discussion

Modern municipal health care policy is gradually moving from traditional centralized models to adaptive governance. "Adaptive governance" is a flexible, multi-level system that allows local communities to quickly respond to challenges, uncertainties and crises. This approach considers healthcare as a Complex Adaptive System (CAS), in which various actors interact – government, communities, medical institutions, business, and public organizations [13].

In the post-pandemic reality, adaptability has become a defining characteristic of effective management. The formation of an integrated municipal health care strategy involves intersectoral interaction, a combination of spatial planning, environmental safety and social policy. This allows us to put human health at the center of local development [4].

At the same time, S. Carstens and co-authors propose the application of the "Dynamic Adaptive Policy Pathways" (DAPP) approach, which provides for the formation of scenarios for responding to changes in external conditions. For municipal health care policy, this means the ability to simulate the development of events in crises – from epidemics to military conflicts [3].

Examples of conceptual foundations for the formation of adaptive municipal policy are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Conceptual Foundations of the Formation of Adaptive Municipal Health Care Policy in the Context of Decentralization and European Integration Transformations

Conceptual ambush	Concept content
Adaptive Governance	A flexible governance system that provides adaptation to changes and uncertainties through decentralization and stakeholder participation.
Complex Adaptive Systems (CAS)	Perception of the health care system as a living network where people, institutions and technologies capable of self-regulation interact.
Decentralization of management	Transfer of authority to communities, which increases the speed of response, accountability and efficiency of decision-making.
Network-based management	Building horizontal links between government, the public sector and business, focused on cooperation, not hierarchy.
Agile approach in public administration	Use of the principles of flexibility, short management cycles and continuous improvement of decision-making processes.
Digitalization of healthcare	Application of digital tools for monitoring, data management, telemedicine and interaction between health actors.
Inclusive partnership and community participation	Active involvement of the population, NGOs and international donors in the formation of policies and their implementation.
Resilience in crisis conditions	The ability of the healthcare system to withstand shocks (pandemics, wars, economic crises) and recover from them.
Psychosocial dimension of politics	Integrating mental health, social support, and rehabilitation programs into local health strategies.

Source: Compiled by the author based on analysis [2, 4, 6-10, 12-15].

It is worth noting that in the period 2020–2025, research shows radical shifts in the focus of municipal policy. It increasingly relies on digital governance, data analytics and public participation.

The publication by Y. Kulhinskyi et al. emphasizes that the digitalization of public administration has created conditions for agile (eng. "agile") governance – rapid decision-making in the field of medicine [10]. It is worth noting that evidence-based policy (eng. "evidence-based policy'), combined with digital systems, increases the efficiency of municipalities' response.

The WHO, in its Compendium of the Roadmap for Health and Well-being in Central Asia (2022–2025), identified adaptive management as the key to building human-centered health systems. The document recommends integrating digital solutions into public health policies and ensuring inter-municipal cooperation [17].

At the same time, scientific publications present a model of a local health strategy focused on transparency, multisectorality and joint planning. It allows municipalities not only to respond to challenges, but also to anticipate risks thanks to flexible management tools [12].

After the analysis of approaches to the organization of municipal health care policy, mechanisms, problems and ways to solve them are identified (Table 2).

Table 2. Mechanisms, problems and solutions in the field of municipal health policy

Mechanism	Problems	Solutions	Expected effect
Digitalization of the healthcare system	Insufficient integration of digital platforms; weak level of cybersecurity; uneven access to the Internet in rural communities; resistance of medical personnel to digital changes.	1. Development of the national eHealth platform. 2. Implementation of cyber protection and data standardization systems. 3. Expansion of digital infrastructure in communities. 4. Training of medical staff in digital competencies.	Improving the efficiency of medical resource management; improving access to services; transparency of decisions; development of telemedicine.
Decentralization of healthcare management	Unclear distribution of powers between the state and local levels; insufficient funding; lack of coordination mechanisms between communities.	1. Legislative clarification of the distribution of powers between the Ministry of Health, regional councils and communities. 2. Formation of joint budget programs. 3. Creation of regional health care management centers.	Strengthening the autonomy of communities; increasing the efficiency of the distribution of funds; improving coordination between levels of government.
Increasing the resilience of the health care system	Low preparedness of the system for crises (war, pandemics); lack of reserves, flexible management strategies; gaps between the health and social protection sectors.	1. Formation of crisis medical reserves and mobile teams. 2. Development of emergency response scenarios. 3. Implementation of the principles of adaptive management. 4. Strengthening intersectoral interaction.	Increasing the system's ability to respond to crises; reducing human and material losses; forming a culture of preparedness.
Development of municipal health policy	Lack of coherence between national and local policies; low level of community participation; weak strategic planning.	1. Integration of municipal strategies into state reforms. 2. Expanding public participation. 3. Development of mechanisms for partnership with donors. 4. Use of an adaptive approach in local planning.	Systemic planning for the development of health care at the local level; coherence between state and municipal strategies; policy inclusiveness.

Source: Compiled by the author.

Since 2022, the war in Ukraine has become a unique field for studying the adaptability of municipal health care management at the level of territorial communities.

It is worth noting that the war has stimulated the institutional evolution of local communities, in particular, the transition to digital formats for coordinating assistance. Municipal councils have created online monitoring systems, medical chatbots, and volunteer logistics platforms. This is an example of innovative governance in the face of turbulence [6].

A study by O. Brovko shows that even during the active phase of hostilities, municipal structures of Ukraine have preserved the functioning of health care systems through decentralized coordination – the creation of crisis headquarters, mobile hospitals, the involvement of local businesses and volunteers [2].

At the theoretical level, M. Rabinovych et al. introduce the concept of "turbulent governance" – management in turbulence based on flexibility, training, and coordination between different levels of government. This approach is relevant not only for Ukraine, but also for countries hosting refugees or under the influence of geopolitical crises [15].

The key aspects of adaptive policies during the war are: the creation of mobile health care systems; the integration of mental health into municipal strategies; digital logistics of humanitarian flows; inter-municipal interaction for the exchange of resources [14].

Modern approaches to the implementation of municipal health care policy during the war are presented in Table 3.

In today's conditions of profound transformations of public administration, military challenges and digital evolution, adaptive municipal health policy is becoming a key tool for ensuring the resilience of society. It is based on the principles of flexibility, innovation and community participation, which allow for effective response to crises, restoration of the functioning of medical systems and at the same time ensuring equal access of the population to quality medical services (Table 4).

In general, these principles form a holistic framework of adaptive governance, where the combination of decentralization, digital technologies, economic flexibility and social integration ensures not only the functioning, but also the development of the municipal health care system even in periods of turbulence and taking into account aspects of European integration

Ukraine's European integration course, enshrined in the Constitution and defined by the Strategy for Integration into the European Union, has become a powerful driver of healthcare reform, in particular at the municipal level. There is a gradual transition from the administrative-command model of management to the European model of multi-level governance (English. "multi-level governance"),

based on the principles of subsidiarity, transparency, accountability, community participation and human orientation.

Table 3. Modern approaches, problems and trends of municipal health care policy during the war

Approach	Current trends	Problems
Mobile health care systems	Creation of mobile hospitals, telemedicine centers and evacuation systems for the wounded; integration of military and civilian medicine.	Lack of medical personnel; logistical difficulties in delivering medicines and equipment to war zones.
Integration of mental health into municipal strategies	Expansion of psychosocial support programs for veterans, IDPs and medical workers; introduction of digital mental health platforms.	Insufficient training of local mental health professionals; limited resources for rehabilitation.
Digitalization and humanitarian logistics	Use of GIS systems and data management platforms to monitor humanitarian flows; coordination through digital hubs (e.g. eHealth and Diia).	Uneven access to digital infrastructure; cyber threats and lack of secure communication channels.
Intermunicipal and international interaction	Formation of horizontal links between Ukrainian cities and partners with the EU (USA, Poland, Sweden); creation of regional health care alliances.	Bureaucratic barriers to cross-border cooperation; lack of coordination at the interstate level.
Turbulent Governance – management in turbulence	Application of an agile crisis management approach; decision-making based on training, exchange of experience and data.	Insufficient level of preparation of managers for crisis scenarios; low speed of adaptation of systems.
Public-Private Partnership in a Crisis Context	Intensification of business participation in the restoration of medical infrastructure; co-financing of humanitarian medicine programs.	Limited incentives for businesses to participate in healthcare during the war.
Institutional adaptation of municipalities	Reforming organizational structures, increasing the autonomy of medical institutions; creating crisis coordination headquarters.	Overload of local administrations; lack of resources for operational management.
Development of local community resilience	Strengthening the role of communities in supporting vulnerable groups; development of volunteer initiatives and local health funds.	Community exhaustion, psychological fatigue, low level of social cohesion in some regions.
The use of Big Data in crisis management	Real-time data collection on the needs of healthcare facilities and populations; analytics to predict risks and needs.	Lack of uniform data processing standards; limited access to analytics at the local level.
Post-war recovery through adaptive scheduling	Use of scenario planning for the reconstruction of the health care system; integration of adaptive management principles into reconstruction strategies.	Lack of long-term strategies and funding; excessive fragmentation between international aid projects.

Source: Compiled by the author.

Table 4. Generalized principles of adaptive municipal health care policy

Principle	Contents
Decentralization	Transfer of powers to communities, which increases the speed of response.
Digitalization	Using eHealth platforms, data, and AI to manage crises.
Network Management	Cooperation between the state, business, public organizations and volunteers.
Psychosocial support	Integrating mental health into all policy levels.
Economic adaptation	The use of social entrepreneurship to finance health systems.
Resilience and flexibility	Continuous learning, risk assessment, scenario forecasting.

Source: Compiled by the author.

European integration requires Ukraine to unify health policy with European standards – both in the field of management and in the quality of medical services, their financing and digitalization. It is the municipal level that becomes the central link in the implementation of these processes, since communities are directly responsible for the organization of primary care, disease prevention, public health and crisis response.

European integration has stimulated the decentralization of the health care sector, which has become a structural component of the state reform since 2015. Municipalities received expanded powers in the following areas: management of networks of medical institutions; quality control of medical services; formation of local health care programs; attraction of investments and international assistance.

European practice defines the following key principles for reforming municipal health care policy in Ukraine: subsidiarity, partnership and network management, digitalization, inclusiveness and equality of access.

Thus, European integration processes not only determine standards, but also rebuild the managerial logic of municipal policy – from formal administration to a system of adaptive governance focused on the result and needs of the community.

The development of municipal health care policy in Ukraine is synchronized with European initiatives through:

- harmonization of legislation (Law of Ukraine "On the Public Health System" (2023), etc.);
- implementation of the principles of the European Code of Ethics for Local Self-Government;
- participation in EU4Health, Horizon Europe, European Urban Health Initiative (EUHI) programs;
- integration into the European Healthy Cities Network (WHO Healthy Cities Network), which provides for the exchange of best practices in municipal health management.

European technical assistance programs (e.g. Twinning, TAIEX, USAID, GIZ) play an important role in developing the institutional capacity of local governments, contributing to the introduction of transparent funding, analytical tools for data management (Big Data (GIS), as well as the construction of local health monitoring systems.

Despite the achievements, there are significant barriers, namely: insufficient financial autonomy of communities; shortage of managerial personnel at the local level; fragmentation of digital solutions and lack of a single data space; inequality between communities in the ability to implement European standards; the impact of the war, which led to the destruction of infrastructure and the migration of medical workers.

At the same time, wartime experience has shown that Ukrainian municipalities can act according to the principles of European adaptive governance. "Adaptive local governance" – through flexibility, fast learning, and partnership with civil society.

Against the backdrop of the capabilities of Ukrainian municipalities to act according to the principles of European adaptive governance, proven during the war, the further development of municipal health policy requires a systematic approximation to European standards of management, financing, and organization of services. The war has become a catalyst for the institutional maturity of communities – they have learned to quickly adapt, coordinate resources, form partnerships with international donors, and respond to crisis situations within limited capacities.

Table 5. Directions, mechanisms of improvement and trends in the development of municipal health care policy in the context of European integration

Development direction	Improvement mechanisms	Development trends
Institutional convergence	Harmonization of legislation with the acquis communautaire; creation of the National Coordination Center for European Integration in Healthcare; advanced training of managers in the field of Health Governance.	Unification of management procedures; strengthening the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Health and municipalities; creation of a single space for European integration reforms.
Deepening of decentralization	Introduction of intermunicipal medical districts; formation of local health funds; direct financing of communities through state subventions; mechanisms of state-public partnership.	Strengthening the autonomy of communities; expanding budget decentralization; strengthening intermunicipal cooperation in the field of healthcare.
European quality standards	Implementation of CQI, ISO 9001, EFQM Excellence Model; development of quality indicators at the community level; creation of systems for monitoring the effectiveness of medical services.	Increasing public confidence in medical services; forming a culture of quality; increasing the transparency of management decisions.
Humanitarian diplomacy and partnership with EU cities	Development of cooperation programs with EU cities (twinning, EU grants, investment funds); implementation of joint projects for the reconstruction of hospitals and psychosocial support.	Expanding humanitarian cooperation within the EU; creating cross-border medical clusters; forming reconstruction partner networks.
Innovative healthcare ecosystem	Support for municipal HealthTech startups; development of Smart Hospitals, eHealth, and telemedicine platforms; implementation of Big Data analytics for resource management and risk forecasting.	Integration of digital technologies into all levels of the system; development of local innovation hubs; increasing the efficiency of medical services through digital transformation.

Source: Compiled by the author.

In this context, the European integration direction of the development of municipal health care policy involves not only the restoration of infrastructure, but also a deep modernization of management

mechanisms aimed at strengthening the autonomy of communities, improving the quality of medical services, ensuring digital transformation and attracting innovative solutions in the field of medicine.

The table below systematizes the main directions of further development, improvement mechanisms and trends formed under the influence of European integration processes. It reflects the strategic vectors of modernization of local health care systems, which combine the principles of decentralization, partnership, quality, humanitarian cooperation and digital innovations (Table 5).

European integration processes have become a catalyst for a profound transformation of the municipal health care policy of Ukraine. They contribute to the transition from a vertical management system to a partnership, network and adaptive model that meets the principles of the European Union.

Today, municipal health care policy acts not only as a tool for decentralization, but also as a platform for Ukraine's integration into the European social space, forming the prerequisites for building sustainable, innovative and human-centered health care systems that can ensure the well-being of communities even in the conditions of war and post-war recovery.

6. Conclusions

The study confirms that the transition from traditional centralized management models to adaptive governance is a natural and necessary evolution of municipal health care policy in Ukraine. In the current conditions of war, digital transformation and European integration processes, flexibility, multi-level coordination and participation are becoming the basic characteristics of effective governance in the field of public health.

Theoretical generalization has shown that adaptive governance is a key concept for the modernization of municipal policy. It is based on the principles of decentralization, networking, digitalization and continuous learning. The use of the "Complex Adaptive Systems" (CAS) and "Dynamic Adaptive Policy Pathways" (DAPP) approaches allows municipal health care systems to be perceived as living, self-organized networks capable of continuous adaptation and institutional learning.

The analysis of empirical practices showed that the war in Ukraine has become a catalyst for the formation of a new management culture. Municipalities have demonstrated a high capacity for institutional adaptation, the introduction of digital tools (eHealth, GIS systems, medical chatbots), the creation of mobile hospitals, and the development of partnerships between the state, business, and the public sector. This indicates the formation of a "turbulent governance" model – management based on flexibility, coordination, and rapid learning.

The European integration vector determines the further transformation of the Ukrainian healthcare system. In accordance with the principles of "multi-level governance" of the EU, communities become central links in the implementation of reforms – ensuring inclusiveness, quality, transparency and partnership. The introduction of European standards (CQI, ISO 9001, EFQM), participation in the EU4Health and Horizon Europe programs create conditions for institutional convergence with the European public health system.

It has been established that adaptive municipal health care policy is not only a management model, but a new paradigm of social sustainability, in which communities act as active subjects of policy-making. This approach ensures not only a prompt response to crises, but also a long-term ability of the system to develop, recover, and innovate.

Thus, adaptive governance in municipal health care policy becomes the basis for building a human-centered, digital and sustainable governance system that combines decentralization, partnership, technological innovations and European standards. This determines the strategic direction of the development of Ukrainian healthcare – from a response system to a system of foresight, self-learning and sustainable development.

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