

# Factors Affecting Caregivers Willingness to use Long-Term Care Services

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## Abstract

This study is based upon the conceptual framework of Andersen model to examine the factors affecting selection strategies of long-term care service for the elderly, which include nursing home, assisted living, community service and home care. Data was collected from a survey of 1,789 caregivers live in San-Yin area and Chia-I city in Taiwan. Results of multiple logistic regressions with control of other variables indicated that responsibility expectation and care loading are key factors for service selection. Previously stated, physical need of disabled population was the most important predictor of service using for the disable. Current results additionally indicated that care loading and expectation of responsibility of caregivers were strongly correlated with service selection, especially when physical loading, emotional and time pressure occurred, and family responsibility was not necessarily insisted. In general, family care is still a mainstream of long-term care model. However, caregivers will expect assistance from formal service systems while they are suffering a considerable pressure. This expectation will elevate rapidly with the increasing need of long-term care. The

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government should develop various long-term care resources to support the disabled and their caregivers for releasing living burden.

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