

S7 Table. Simulation of Out-of-Pocket Costs with and without Managed Referrals

	Patients Select Initial Provider Level [*]	Managed Referrals [§]	
		Start from VC	Start from THC
% Correctly Managed with Straight Referrals [†]	61.24 (49.76-72.71)	33.96 (25.76-42.15)	60.58 (40.42-80.73)
% Correctly Managed with True Referrals	65.37 (50.69-80.05)	43.00 (24.83-61.17)	60.58 (40.42-80.73)

Notes: Data are mean (95% CI). 6.5 RMB = \$1. ^{*}Patient sorting in 'Patients Select Initial Provider Level' column based on a nationally representative sample of rural households: 45.7% at village, 30.87% at township, 23.43% at county. [§]Managed referrals refer to patients being required to initially visit providers at the village or township level. [†]"Straight Referrals" refers to referrals only being allowed to the next highest tier. "True Referrals" allow for bypassing.