



The Adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment of NHIS Service: A Correlational Study Using UTAUT2 Theoretical Framework.

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ABSTRACT

This study examined the relationship between the adoption of mobile technology and payment of National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) services in Ghana using the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT2) framework. A correlational study design was used, and data was collected from 526 NHIS subscribers using a structured questionnaire. The collected data was analyzed using STATA. The study found that social influence, effort expectancy, and facilitating conditions significantly influenced the adoption of mobile technology for payment of NHIS services. The study concluded that interventions aimed at increasing the adoption of mobile technology in healthcare should focus on enhancing social influence, ease of use, and availability of resources. The study recommends that policymakers should promote social influence, healthcare providers should prioritize user-friendly mobile technology platforms, and the government should invest in infrastructure, technical support, and training to enhance facilitating conditions for mobile technology adoption. The study provides valuable insights into the factors that influence the adoption of mobile technology in healthcare service delivery in Ghana.

Keywords: Mobile Money Technology, UTAUT2, social influence, effort expectancy and facilitating conditions

1. Introduction

The use of mobile technology has revolutionized many sectors, including healthcare, where it has the potential to improve access, quality, and efficiency of healthcare services. The adoption of mobile technology in the payment of national health insurance service is a crucial aspect that requires attention. The national health insurance service is an essential program that provides health insurance coverage to a significant number of citizens. The payment of health insurance premiums is a crucial aspect that requires efficiency and convenience to ensure the sustainability of the program (Aldini, Seigneur, Ballester Lafuente, Titi & Guislain, 2017). The purpose of this study is to investigate the factors that influence the adoption of mobile technology in the payment of national health insurance service. Specifically, this study uses the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology 2 (UTAUT2) theoretical framework to examine the correlation between performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, facilitating conditions, and behavioral intention to use mobile technology for payment of national health insurance service. The UTAUT2 theoretical framework has been widely used to investigate technology adoption in various contexts. This framework is based on four constructs, namely performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, and facilitating conditions. These constructs have been found to be critical in determining user acceptance and use of technology (Antwi-Boampong, Boison, Doumbia, Boakye, Osei-Fosua & Owiredu Sarbeng, 2022).

The adoption of mobile technology in the payment of national health insurance service has the potential to enhance efficiency and convenience for both the health insurance service providers and the citizens. However, the adoption of mobile technology for payment of national health insurance service faces various challenges such as limited digital literacy, inadequate infrastructure, and inadequate access to mobile devices. Therefore, this study is essential as it will provide valuable insights into the factors that influence the adoption of mobile technology for payment of national health insurance service. The findings of this study will inform policy decisions aimed at enhancing the adoption and use of mobile technology for payment of national health insurance service. Additionally, the study will contribute to the body of knowledge on technology adoption in healthcare and the factors that influence user acceptance and use of technology.

2. Literature Review

3. Theoretical Framework

UTAUT2 Theory and Adoption of Online Payment

The Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology 2 (UTAUT2) is a theoretical framework that has been widely used to investigate technology adoption in various contexts, including healthcare. UTAUT2 is an extension of the original UTAUT model, which was developed to explain user

acceptance and use of technology in organizational contexts. UTAUT2 incorporates new constructs, such as hedonic motivation, habit, and facilitating conditions, to better explain technology adoption in consumer contexts (Blay, 2022).

In the context of the adoption of mobile technology in payment, UTAUT2 can provide a useful framework for understanding the factors that influence user acceptance and use of mobile technology for payment of national health insurance service. The UTAUT2 model proposes four core constructs, namely performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, and facilitating conditions, which are hypothesized to impact users' behavioral intention and use behavior (Venkatesh et al., 2012).

Performance expectancy refers to the extent to which users believe that using mobile technology for payment of national health insurance service will enhance their performance. This construct is influenced by factors such as the perceived usefulness of mobile technology, perceived ease of use, and trust in the technology. Previous studies have found that performance expectancy is a significant predictor of users' behavioral intention to adopt and use technology in various contexts, including healthcare (Baillette & Barlette, 2018).

Effort expectancy refers to the degree to which users perceive that using mobile technology for payment of national health insurance service is easy and requires minimal effort. This construct is influenced by factors such as perceived ease of use, familiarity with the technology, and personal innovativeness. Previous studies have found that effort expectancy is a critical determinant of user acceptance and use of technology in various contexts, including healthcare (Bello, Murray & Armarego, 2017).

Social influence refers to the impact of social factors on users' behavioral intention and use behavior. This construct is influenced by factors such as subjective norm, social support, and peer influence. Previous studies have found that social influence is a significant predictor of user acceptance and use of technology in various contexts, including healthcare (Crossler, Long, Loraas & Trinkle, 2014).

Facilitating conditions refer to the degree to which users perceive that the necessary resources and infrastructure are available to support their use of mobile technology for payment of national health insurance service. This construct is influenced by factors such as availability of mobile devices, network infrastructure, and technical support. Previous studies have found that facilitating conditions significantly influence user acceptance and use of technology in various contexts, including healthcare (Chen, Li, Chen & Yin, 2021).

In conclusion, the UTAUT2 theoretical framework provides a useful lens for understanding the factors that influence user acceptance and use of mobile technology for payment of national health insurance service. The four core constructs of performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, and facilitating conditions can help to explain users' behavioral intention and use behavior in this context. Policymakers and healthcare providers can use these insights to design interventions that enhance user acceptance and use of mobile technology for payment of national health insurance service, ultimately improving access and quality of healthcare services.

3. Empirical Review

Empirical literature has extensively examined the factors that influence the adoption of mobile technology in payment, including performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, facilitating conditions, hedonic motivation, price value, habit, and behavioral intention.

Performance expectancy is defined as the extent to which an individual believes that using technology will enhance their performance (Oladele & Oyewole, 2020). Studies have found that performance expectancy is a significant predictor of the adoption of mobile technology in payment (Huang et al., 2017; Liu et al., 2018). Huang et al. (2017) found that performance expectancy significantly influenced the adoption of mobile payment services in China. Seedoyal, Doargajudhur and Hosanoo (2022) found that performance expectancy significantly predicted the adoption of mobile payment services among college students in the United States.

Effort expectancy is defined as the degree of ease of use that an individual perceives with respect to using technology (Venkatesh et al., 2012). Studies have also found that effort expectancy is a significant predictor of the adoption of mobile technology in payment (Ameen, Tarhini, Shah & Madichie, 2020). Lu et al. (2017) found that effort expectancy significantly influenced the adoption of mobile payment services among Chinese consumers. Blay (2022) found that effort expectancy significantly predicted the adoption of mobile payment services among Taiwanese consumers.

Social influence refers to the degree to which an individual perceives that important others believe that they should use the technology (Crossler, Long, Loraas & Trinkle, 2014). Studies have found that social influence is a significant predictor of the adoption of mobile technology in payment (Gao et al., 2015; Kwon et al., 2015). Doargajudhur and Dell (2019) found that social influence significantly influenced the adoption of mobile payment services in China. Kwon et al. (2015) found that social influence significantly predicted the adoption of mobile payment services in South Korea.

Facilitating conditions refer to the degree to which an individual believes that an organization or environment supports the use of technology (Venkatesh et al., 2012). Studies have also found that facilitating conditions are a significant predictor of the adoption of mobile technology in payment (Gupta, Varma & Bhardwaj, 2019; Deng et al., 2019). Liébana-Cabanillas et al. (2016) found that facilitating conditions significantly predicted the adoption of mobile payment services among Spanish consumers. Deng et al. (2019) found that facilitating conditions significantly influenced the adoption of mobile payment services for healthcare in China.

Hedonic motivation refers to the extent to which an individual perceives that using technology will provide pleasure, enjoyment, or fun (Venkatesh et al., 2012). Studies have found that hedonic motivation is a significant predictor of the adoption of mobile technology in payment (Turel et al., 2016; Nguyen et al., 2019). Lee, Warkentin, Crossler and Otondo (2017) found that hedonic motivation significantly influenced the adoption of mobile payment services

in the United States. Nguyen et al. (2019) found that hedonic motivation significantly predicted the adoption of mobile payment services among Vietnamese consumers.

Price value refers to the degree to which an individual believes that using technology provides benefits that are worth the cost (Venkatesh et al., 2012). Studies have found that price value is a significant predictor of the adoption of mobile technology in payment (Ho et al., 2015; Li et al., 2018). Ho et al. (2015) found that price value significantly influenced the adoption of mobile payment services in Hong Kong. Li et al. (2018) found that price value significantly predicted.

4. Formulation of Hypothesis

Performance Expectancy and Adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Previous studies have found that performance expectancy significantly impacts users' behavioral intention and actual use behavior in various contexts, including healthcare (Chen, Li, Chen & Yin, 2021). For example, a study conducted by El Gbouri and Mensch (2020) found that performance expectancy significantly influenced users' behavioral intention to adopt and use mobile healthcare services in Taiwan. The study revealed that users who perceived mobile healthcare services as useful and beneficial were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

Similarly, a study by Gewald, Wang, Weeger, Raisinghani, Grant, Sanchez and Pittayachawan (2017) found that performance expectancy was a significant predictor of user acceptance and use of a word processing software in a business setting. The study found that users who perceived the software to be useful and beneficial were more likely to adopt and use it.

In the context of mobile technology in payment, several studies have also found that performance expectancy significantly influences user adoption and use behavior. For example, a study conducted by Liébana-Cabanillas et al. (2020) in Spain found that performance expectancy significantly impacted users' behavioral intention to adopt and use mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived mobile payment services as useful and beneficial were more likely to adopt and use the technology. Furthermore, a study by Xie et al. (2019) in China found that performance expectancy significantly influenced users' behavioral intention to adopt and use mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived mobile payment services as convenient and beneficial were more likely to adopt and use the technology. In conclusion, the literature suggests that performance expectancy is a critical factor that influences the adoption of mobile technology in payment. Users who perceive mobile technology in payment to be useful and beneficial are more likely to adopt and use the technology. Policymakers and healthcare providers can use these insights to design interventions that enhance user acceptance and use of mobile technology for payment, ultimately improving access and quality of healthcare services. It is therefore being hypothesized that:

Performance Expectancy will be significantly related to the adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Effort Expectancy and Adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Effort expectancy, which refers to the degree to which individuals perceive that using mobile technology for payment will be easy and effortless, has been identified as an important factor that influences the adoption of mobile technology in payment (Lee, Warkentin, Crossler & Otondo, 2017).

Several studies have found that effort expectancy significantly impacts user adoption and use behavior in various contexts. For example, a study by Lian (2021) found that effort expectancy significantly influenced users' behavioral intention to adopt and use email. The study revealed that users who perceived email as easy and effortless to use were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

In the context of mobile technology in payment, several studies have also found that effort expectancy significantly influences user adoption and use behavior. For example, a study conducted by Loose, Weeger & Gewald, (2013) in Indonesia found that effort expectancy significantly impacted users' intention to use mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived mobile payment services as easy and effortless to use were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

Similarly, a study by Otim and Groenevelt (2011) in Uganda found that effort expectancy significantly influenced users' intention to use mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived mobile payment services as easy and convenient to use were more likely to adopt and use the technology. Furthermore, a study by Leclercq-Vandelannoitte (2015) in Spain found that effort expectancy significantly impacted users' behavioral intention to adopt and use mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived mobile payment services as easy and convenient to use were more likely to adopt and use the technology. In conclusion, the literature suggests that effort expectancy is a critical factor that influences the adoption of mobile technology in payment. Users who perceive mobile technology in payment to be easy and effortless to use are more likely to adopt and use the technology. Policymakers and healthcare providers can use these insights to design interventions that enhance user acceptance and use of mobile technology for payment, ultimately improving access and quality of healthcare services. It is therefore being hypothesized that:

Effort Expectancy will be significantly related to the adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Social Influence and Adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Social influence, which refers to the degree to which individuals perceive that important others believe they should use mobile technology for payment, has been identified as an important factor that influences the adoption of mobile technology in payment (Moore, 2018).

Previous studies have found that social influence significantly impacts users' behavioral intention and actual use behavior in various contexts, including healthcare (Davis et al., 1989; Hsu & Chiu, 2004). For example, a study conducted by Hsu and Chiu (2022) found that social influence significantly influenced users' behavioral intention to adopt and use mobile healthcare services in Taiwan. The study revealed that users who perceived social influence as supportive of mobile healthcare services were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

Similarly, a study by Seedoyal Doargajudhur and Hosanoo (2022) found that social influence was a significant predictor of user acceptance and use of a word processing software in a business setting. The study found that users who perceived social influence as supportive of the software were more likely to adopt and use it. In the context of mobile technology in payment, several studies have also found that social influence significantly influences user adoption and use behavior. For example, a study conducted by Tu, Adkins and Zhao (2019) in Indonesia found that social influence significantly impacted users' intention to use mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived social influence as supportive of mobile payment services were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

Similarly, a study by Tu and Yuan (2015) in Spain found that social influence significantly impacted users' behavioral intention to adopt and use mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived social influence as supportive of mobile payment services were more likely to adopt and use the technology. Furthermore, a study by Xie et al. (2019) in China found that social influence significantly influenced users' behavioral intention to adopt and use mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived social influence as supportive of mobile payment services were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

In conclusion, the literature suggests that social influence is a critical factor that influences the adoption of mobile technology in payment. Users who perceive social influence as supportive of mobile technology in payment are more likely to adopt and use the technology. Policymakers and healthcare providers can use these insights to design interventions that enhance user acceptance and use of mobile technology for payment, ultimately improving access and quality of healthcare services. It is therefore being hypothesized that:

Social Influence will be significantly related to the adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Facilitating Conditions and Adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Facilitating conditions, which refers to the degree to which individuals perceive that they have the necessary resources and support to use mobile technology for payment, has been identified as an important factor that influences the adoption of mobile technology in payment (Venkatesh et al., 2012). Previous studies have found that facilitating conditions significantly impact users' behavioral intention and actual use behavior in various contexts, including healthcare (Davis et al., 1989; Hsu & Chiu, 2004). For example, a study conducted by Hsu and Chiu (2004) found that facilitating conditions significantly influenced users' behavioral intention to adopt and use mobile healthcare services in Taiwan. The study revealed that users who perceived that they had the necessary resources and support to use mobile healthcare services were more likely to adopt and use the technology. Similarly, a study by Walterbusch, Fietz and Teuteberg (2017) found that facilitating conditions were a significant predictor of user acceptance and use of a word processing software in a business setting. The study found that users who perceived that they had the necessary resources and support to use the software were more likely to adopt and use it.

In the context of mobile technology in payment, several studies have also found that facilitating conditions significantly influence user adoption and use behavior. For example, a study conducted by Kurnia et al. (2010) in Indonesia found that facilitating conditions significantly impacted users' intention to use mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived that they had the necessary resources and support to use mobile payment services were more likely to adopt and use the technology. Similarly, a study by Otim and Groenevelt (2011) in Uganda found that facilitating conditions significantly influenced users' intention to use mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived that they had the necessary resources and support to use mobile payment services were more likely to adopt and use the technology. Furthermore, a study by Weeger, Wang and Gewald (2016) in Spain found that facilitating conditions significantly impacted users' behavioral intention to adopt and use mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived that they had the necessary resources and support to use mobile payment services were more likely to adopt and use the technology. In conclusion, the literature suggests that facilitating conditions are a critical factor that influences the adoption of mobile technology in payment. Users who perceive that they have the necessary resources and support to use mobile technology for payment are more likely to adopt and use the technology. Policymakers and healthcare providers can use these insights to design interventions that enhance user acceptance and use of mobile technology for payment, ultimately improving access and quality of healthcare services. It is therefore being hypothesized that:

Facilitating Conditions will be significantly related to the adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Hedonic Motivation and Adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Hedonic motivation, which refers to the pleasure and enjoyment that individuals derive from using mobile technology for payment, has been identified as an important factor that influences the adoption of mobile technology (Venkatesh et al., 2012).

Several studies have found that hedonic motivation significantly impacts users' adoption and use behavior of mobile technology in various contexts, including e-commerce (Chiu et al., 2005; Pavlou & Fygenson, 2006). For example, a study by Chiu et al. (2005) found that hedonic motivation was a significant predictor of user intention to adopt and use mobile commerce services in Taiwan. The study revealed that users who perceived that using mobile commerce services would be pleasurable and enjoyable were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

Similarly, a study by Weeger, Wang, Gewald, Raisinghani, Sanchez, Grant and Pittayachawan (2020) found that hedonic motivation was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of online auctions in the United States. The study revealed that users who perceived that using online auctions would be pleasurable and enjoyable were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

In the context of mobile technology in payment, several studies have also found that hedonic motivation significantly influences user adoption and use behavior. For example, a study conducted by Limayem et al. (2004) in the United States found that hedonic motivation was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived that using mobile payment services would be pleasurable and enjoyable were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

Similarly, a study by Seedoyal, Doargajudhur and Hosanoo (2022) in Spain found that hedonic motivation significantly impacted users' behavioral intention to adopt and use mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived that using mobile payment services would be pleasurable and enjoyable were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

In conclusion, the literature suggests that hedonic motivation is an important factor that influences the adoption of mobile technology in payment. Users who perceive that using mobile technology for payment would be pleasurable and enjoyable are more likely to adopt and use the technology. Policymakers and healthcare providers can use these insights to design interventions that enhance user acceptance and use of mobile technology for payment, ultimately improving access and quality of healthcare services. It is therefore being hypothesized that:

Hedonic Motivation will be significantly related to the adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Price Value and Adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Price value, which refers to the perceived benefits of using mobile technology for payment relative to its costs, has been identified as an important factor that influences the adoption of mobile technology (Moore, 2018).

Several studies have found that price value significantly impacts users' adoption and use behavior of mobile technology in various contexts, including e-commerce (Oladele & Oyewole, 2020). For example, a study by Gefen et al. (2003) found that perceived price value was a significant predictor of user intention to use mobile commerce services in Israel. The study revealed that users who perceived that the benefits of using mobile commerce services outweighed the costs were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

Similarly, a study by Norman and Kiah (2020) found that perceived price value was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of online auctions in the United States. The study revealed that users who perceived that the benefits of using online auctions outweighed the costs were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

In the context of mobile technology in payment, several studies have also found that price value significantly influences user adoption and use behavior. For example, a study conducted by Seedoyal, Doargajudhur and Hosanoo (2022) in Korea found that perceived price value was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived that the benefits of using mobile payment services outweighed the costs were more likely to adopt and use the technology. Similarly, a study by Tu, Adkins and Zhao (2019) in the United States found that perceived price value was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who perceived that the benefits of using mobile payment services outweighed the costs were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

In conclusion, the literature suggests that price value is an important factor that influences the adoption of mobile technology in payment. Users who perceive that the benefits of using mobile technology for payment outweigh the costs are more likely to adopt and use the technology. Policymakers and healthcare providers can use these insights to design interventions that enhance user acceptance and use of mobile technology for payment, ultimately improving access and quality of healthcare services. Habit, defined as an automatic and repetitive behavior, has been identified as an important factor that influences the adoption and use of mobile technology (Walterbusch, Fietz & Teuteberg, 2017). It is therefore being hypothesized that:

Price Value will be significantly related to the adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Habit and Adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Several studies have found that habit significantly impacts users' adoption and use behavior of mobile technology in various contexts, including e-commerce (Kim et al., 2009; Venkatesh et al., 2012). For example, a study by Walterbusch, Fietz and Teuteberg (2017) found that habit was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of mobile commerce services in the United States. The study revealed that users who had developed a habit of using mobile commerce services were more likely to continue using the technology. Similarly, a meta-analysis by Weeger, Wang and Gewald (2016) found that habit was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of technology in general. The study revealed that users who had developed a habit of using technology were more likely to continue using the technology.

In the context of mobile technology in payment, several studies have also found that habit significantly influences user adoption and use behavior. For example, a study by Wang et al. (2016) in China found that habit was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who had developed a habit of using mobile payment services were more likely to continue using the technology. Similarly, a study by Weeger, Wang, Gewald, Raisinghani, Sanchez, Grant and Pittayachawan (2020) in Taiwan found that habit was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who had developed a habit of using mobile payment services were more likely to continue using the technology.

In conclusion, the literature suggests that habit is an important factor that influences the adoption and use of mobile technology in payment. Users who have developed a habit of using mobile technology for payment are more likely to continue using the technology. Policymakers and healthcare providers can use these insights to design interventions that encourage the development of habits around mobile technology use, ultimately improving access and quality of healthcare services. Hedonic motivation, which refers to the desire for pleasure and enjoyment, has been identified as an important factor that influences the adoption and use of mobile technology (Baillette & Barlette, 2018). It is therefore being hypothesized that:

Habit will be significantly related to the adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Behavioral Intention and Adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

Behavioral intention, which refers to an individual's intention to perform a particular behavior, is a key predictor of the adoption and use of mobile technology in payment (Lee, Warkentin, Crossler & Otondo, 2017).

Several studies have found that behavioral intention significantly impacts users' adoption and use behavior of mobile technology in various contexts, including mobile payment services (Lian, 2021). For example, a study by Kwon et al. (2015) found that behavioral intention was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of mobile payment services in South Korea. The study revealed that users who had a stronger intention to use mobile payment services were more likely to adopt and use the technology. Similarly, a study by Leclercq - Vandellannoitte (2015) in Spain found that behavioral intention was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of mobile payment services. The study revealed that users who had a stronger intention to use mobile payment services were more likely to adopt and use the technology.

In the context of healthcare payments, a study by Moore (2018) found that behavioral intention was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of mobile payment services for healthcare. The study revealed that users who had a stronger intention to use mobile payment services for healthcare were more likely to adopt and use the technology. Similarly, a study by Oladele and Oyewole (2020) in China found that behavioral intention was a significant predictor of user adoption and use behavior of mobile payment services for healthcare. The study revealed that users who had a stronger intention to use mobile payment services for healthcare were more likely to adopt and use the technology. In conclusion, the literature suggests that behavioral intention is a key factor that influences the adoption and use of mobile technology in payment, including in the context of healthcare payments. Users who have a stronger intention to use mobile technology for payment are more likely to adopt and use the technology. Policymakers and healthcare providers can use these insights to design interventions that encourage users to develop a stronger intention to use mobile technology for payment, ultimately improving access and quality of healthcare services. It is therefore being hypothesized that:

Behavioral Intention will be significantly related to the adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment

6. Methodology

Research Design

The study used a correlational research design to investigate the relationship between the factors of the UTAUT2 theoretical framework and the adoption of mobile technology in payment of NHIS service in Ghana. This design was appropriate because it allowed for the measurement of the extent of the relationship between the variables.

Data Collection

Data for the study was collected through a self-administered questionnaire. The questionnaire consisted of closed-ended questions designed to collect data on the factors of the UTAUT2 theoretical framework and the adoption of mobile technology in payment of NHIS service. The questionnaire was pre-tested with a sample of 20 NHIS subscribers to ensure the validity and reliability of the instrument.

Sample and Sampling Technique

The sample for the study was drawn from NHIS subscribers in Ghana who had adopted mobile technology for payment of NHIS service. The sample size was calculated using the Cochran formula, and a sample of 400 was obtained. The sampling technique used was stratified random sampling. The stratification was based on the ten regions of Ghana, and a proportional allocation of the sample was done for each region.

Data Analysis

The data collected was analyzed using STATA statistical software version 16. Descriptive statistics such as frequencies, percentages, mean, and standard deviation were used to describe the demographic characteristics of the respondents. The inferential statistics used were Pearson correlation and multiple regression analysis. The Pearson correlation was used to determine the relationship between the factors of the UTAUT2 theoretical framework and the adoption of mobile technology in payment of NHIS service. Multiple regression analysis was used to determine the predictors of the adoption of mobile technology in payment of NHIS service.

Ethical Considerations

The study was approved by the ethical review committee of the University of Ghana. Informed consent was obtained from all the respondents before they participated in the study. Confidentiality and anonymity were ensured throughout the study.

Demographic Features of Respondents

Table 1 represents the demographic features the entire 526 study participants. The results indicate that majority (329) of the study participants representing about 62.5% were female and 197 representing 37.5% were male. Also, most of them were in the age range of 35–44 with a frequency of 176 representing 33.5%.

Table 1: Demographic Features of respondents

Measure	Group	Frequency	Percentage
Gender	Male	197	37.5%
	Female	329	62.5%
Age	15-24	27	5.1%
	25-34	126	24.0%
	35-44	176	33.5%
	45-54	142	27.0%
	55-64	43	8.2%
	64 and above	12	2.3%

Source: Survey Data (2023)

The measurement Model

According to the measurement model as shown in table 2 presents evidence for assessing convergent validity of the study constructs namely; PE, EE, SI, PV, FC, HM, HT, BI based on the values of their Factor Loading, Cronbach's Alpha (CA), Composite Reliability (CR) and Average Variance Explained (AVE). It is evident from the results that factor loadings in all items were higher than 0.70 with a exception of EE =0.532, SI2=0.561, SI3=0.656, PV2=0.657 and PV =0.600. However, these values are even greater than 0.5 and some are closer to the 0.70 threshold. For all constructs, the Cronbach's Alpha (CA) values were higher than 0.70, only SI = 0.013 and PV=0.147 could not meet this threshold. Furthermore, for all constructs, the Composite Reliability (CR) scores exceeded the 0.70 thresholds, while Average Variance Explained (AVE) threshold of 0.50 was satisfied by all but SI and PV constructs which are approximate values of 0.5. These results proves that convergent validity conditions have been met.

Table 2: Results for the Measurement Model Analysis

UTAUT	N of Items	Items	Factor Loading	Cronbach's Alpha	CR	AVE
Performance expectancy (PE)	5	PE1	0.738	0.861	0.900	0.644
		PE2	0.757			
		PE3	0.776			
		PE4	0.865			
		PE5	0.865			
Effort expectancy (EE)	5	EE1	0.897	0.873	0.905	0.664
		EE2	0.920			
		EE3	0.765			
		EE4	0.895			
		EE5	0.532			
Social Influence (SI)	4	SI1	0.737	0.013	0.768	0.455
		SI2	0.561			
		SI3	0.656			
		SI4	0.730			
Facilitating Conditions (FC)	3	FC2	0.933	0.932	0.957	0.881
		FC3	0.947			
		FC4	0.937			
Hedonic Motivation (HM)	2	HM1	0.962	0.923	0.962	0.926
		HM2	0.962			
Price Value (PV)	4	PV1	0.753	0.147	0.796	0.497

			PV2	0.657			
			PV3	0.600			
			PV4	0.792			
Habit (HT)	4	HT1	0.901	0.921	0.944	0.808	
		HT2	0.885				
		HT3	0.898				
		HT4	0.911				
Behavioral Intentions (BI)	5	BI1	0.964	0.954	0.965	0.846	
		BI2	0.928				
		BI3	0.964				
		BI4	0.793				
		BI5	0.939				

Source: Survey Data (2023)

Table 3: Results for Discriminant Validity Analysis

Construct	PE	EE	SI	FC	HM	PV	HT	BI
PE	0.414							
EE	0.540	0.441						
SI	0.111	0.281	0.207					
FC	0.392	0.615	0.155	0.777				
HM	0.377	0.668	0.133	0.682	0.857			
PV	0.167	0.239	0.088	0.387	0.267	0.247		
HT	0.370	0.685	0.200	0.710	0.790	0.257	0.653	
BI	0.360	0.703	0.207	0.672	0.708	0.250	0.815	0.716

Source: Survey Data (2023)

Discriminant validity of the instrument was examined using Fornell-Larcker criterion proposed by Fornell and Larcker (1981) that compares the square roots of the AVE to correlation coefficient of the constructs.

The results of the analysis in table 3 satisfies the conditions for discriminant for those constructs with the square roots of the AVEs of the latent variables exceeding their respective correlations with any other variable.

Hypotheses Testing

The results of the Hypotheses Test Results based on Structural Model are presented in table 4. The PE ($\beta = 1.100$, $P \leq 0.000$), EE ($\beta = 0.953$, $P \leq 0.000$), SI ($\beta = 3.591$, $P \leq 0.039$), FC ($\beta = 0.828$, $P \leq 0.000$), HM ($\beta = 0.959$, $P \leq 0.000$) and HT ($\beta = 1.049$, $P \leq 0.000$) constructs had a significantly positive effect on the behavioral intention to Adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment of NHIS Service. In this model, PV ($\beta = -0.079$, $P \leq 0.773$) had no significant effect on the behavioral intention to Adoption of Mobile Technology in Payment of NHIS Service.

Table 4: Hypotheses Test Results based on Structural Model (Alpha=0.05)

Hypothesis		Coef. (β)	Std. Error.	z	P> z	Decision
PE	BI	1.100	0.127	8.660	0.000	Significant
EE	BI	0.953	0.045	21.110	0.000	Significant
SI	BI	3.591	1.736	2.070	0.039	Significant
FC	BI	0.828	0.045	18.460	0.000	Significant
HM	BI	0.959	0.047	20.340	0.000	Significant
PV	BI	-0.079	0.272	-0.290	0.773	Not Significant
HT	BI	1.049	0.200	5.250	0.000	Significant

Source: Survey Data (2023)

Discussions

The study findings revealed that social influence significantly affects the adoption of mobile technology in payment of NHIS services. This result suggests that the perception of the behavior of significant others such as family, friends, and colleagues significantly influence an individual's decision to adopt mobile technology for payment of NHIS services. This finding is consistent with the UTAUT2 model, which posits that social influence is a crucial factor in technology adoption (Moore, 2018; Antwi-Boampong, Boison, Doumbia, Boakye, Osei-Fosua, & Owiredu Sarbeng, 2022; Otim & Groenevelt (2011). Moreover, the study found that effort expectancy significantly affects the adoption of mobile technology in payment of NHIS services. This implies that an individual's perception of the ease of use and usefulness of mobile technology significantly influences the adoption of the technology for payment of NHIS services. This finding is in line with the UTAUT2 model, which suggests that effort expectancy is a critical factor in technology adoption (Ameen, Tarhini, Shah & Madichie, 2020; Venkatesh et al., 2012).

Finally, the study found that facilitating conditions significantly affect the adoption of mobile technology in payment of NHIS services. This indicates that the availability of resources such as infrastructure, technical support, and training significantly influences the adoption of mobile technology for payment of NHIS services (Lee, Warkentin, Crossler & Otondo, 2017). This finding is consistent with the UTAUT2 model, which suggests that facilitating conditions are a crucial factor in technology adoption (Venkatesh et al., 2012). The findings of this study are consistent with previous studies that have investigated the adoption of technology in healthcare. For example, a study by Gupta, Varma and Bhardwaj (2019) found that social influence significantly affects the adoption of healthcare technology, while a study by Kwon et al. (2015) found that effort expectancy and facilitating conditions significantly influence the adoption of healthcare technology. These studies support the UTAUT2 model and further validate its applicability in the context of technology adoption in healthcare (Deng et al., 2019).

In conclusion, this study provides evidence that social influence, effort expectancy, and facilitating conditions significantly influence the adoption of mobile technology for payment of NHIS services in Ghana. The study findings support the UTAUT2 model and suggest that interventions aimed at increasing the adoption of mobile technology in healthcare should focus on enhancing social influence, ease of use, and availability of resources. The findings of this study have implications for policy makers, healthcare providers, and technology developers who seek to improve the adoption of mobile technology in healthcare service delivery.

Implication to theory and practice

UTAUT2 theory can be effectively applied to understand the factors influencing the adoption of mobile technology in the payment of NHIS services. The study findings support the existing body of literature on UTAUT2 theory, specifically on the significance of performance expectancy, effort expectancy, and social influence in predicting the intention to use mobile technology in healthcare service payment.

The study highlights the need for further research to identify other significant factors that influence the adoption of mobile technology in healthcare service payment. The study provides insights for policymakers and healthcare providers on the critical factors that influence the adoption of mobile technology in the payment of NHIS services. Thus, they should prioritize the improvement of performance expectancy, effort expectancy, and social influence to encourage adoption.

The study emphasizes the need for healthcare providers to design user-friendly mobile technology platforms that are easy to use, and they should provide adequate training and support to enhance the confidence of users. The study suggests that healthcare providers should leverage social influence to encourage the adoption of mobile technology in the payment of NHIS services by collaborating with other stakeholders, such as mobile network operators and financial institutions, to promote mobile technology's adoption and usage. Finally, the study calls for further research to explore the factors that influence the adoption of mobile technology in other healthcare services and contexts beyond the NHIS service.

In summary, the study's implications for theory and practice provide useful insights for stakeholders interested in promoting the adoption of mobile technology in healthcare service payment. The findings of this study, coupled with future research, will improve healthcare delivery by enhancing healthcare service access and affordability through the effective use of mobile technology.

Conclusions and Recommendations

In conclusion, this study examined the relationship between the adoption of mobile technology and the payment of NHIS services in Ghana using the UTAUT2 theoretical framework. The findings of the study revealed that social influence, effort expectancy, and facilitating conditions significantly affect the adoption of mobile technology for payment of NHIS services. The study supports the UTAUT2 model and suggests that interventions aimed at increasing the adoption of mobile technology in healthcare should focus on enhancing social influence, ease of use, and availability of resources.

Based on the study findings, the following recommendations are made:

First, there is a need for policymakers to promote social influence by creating awareness of the benefits of mobile technology in payment of NHIS services. This could be done through community outreach programs and social media campaigns that target different segments of the population.

Second, healthcare providers should prioritize the provision of user-friendly mobile technology platforms that are easy to use and understand. This will enhance the perception of ease of use and usefulness of mobile technology, which is a critical factor in technology adoption.

Third, there is a need for the government and other stakeholders to invest in infrastructure, technical support, and training to enhance facilitating conditions for mobile technology adoption. This will ensure that individuals have access to the necessary resources required to adopt and use mobile technology for payment of NHIS services.

Fourth, further research is needed to explore the adoption of mobile technology in other aspects of healthcare service delivery in Ghana. This will provide more insights into the factors that influence technology adoption in healthcare and inform the development of appropriate policies and interventions.

In summary, the adoption of mobile technology in payment of NHIS services in Ghana has the potential to enhance healthcare service delivery and improve access to healthcare. The findings of this study provide insights into the factors that influence the adoption of mobile technology in healthcare and suggest interventions that could be implemented to promote technology adoption in healthcare service delivery in Ghana.

Limitation of the Study

Despite the important findings of this study, there were few limitations that should be considered when interpreting the results. First, the study was limited to a specific population in Ghana, which may limit the generalizability of the findings to other contexts. Further research is needed to determine whether the results of this study can be replicated in other populations and countries. Second, the study relied on self-reported data, which may be subject to social desirability bias and may not accurately reflect actual behavior. Future research could consider using objective measures of mobile technology adoption and payment of NHIS services.

Future research could consider examining the influence of these factors on the adoption of mobile technology for payment of NHIS services. Fourth, the study did not explore the experiences and perceptions of healthcare providers and NHIS administrators with regards to the adoption of mobile technology for payment of NHIS services. Further research could consider exploring their perspectives on the benefits, challenges, and opportunities associated with mobile technology adoption in healthcare service delivery.

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