

Methodological remarks, concepts, definitions

The cash benefits of health insurance is provided by the **Act LXXXIII of 1997 on the benefits of the compulsory health insurance and the Government Order 217/1997. (XII.1.)** regulating the implementation of this act.

Child-care fee

Source of data: - OSAP (National Statistical Survey Programme):

- No. 1914 Report: „*Report on the beneficiaries of child-care fee*”, - regular data service on the social security payment agencies;
- administrative survey of Regional Health Insurance Funds.

Child-care fee: health insurance benefit in cash, of which expenses fully financed to 2007, in 2008 financed 50% under account obligation by the central budget, from 2009 expenses fully financed by the HIF. Child-care fee – based on insurance entitlement – was from 1 March 1985 to 14 April 1998, then reintroduce on 1 January 2000. The data of 2000-2005 refer to July; the data from 2006 based on monthly average.

Persons entitled to child-care fee: it is itemized by the Act LXXXIII of 1997 on the benefits of the compulsory health insurance in section 42/A, subsection 1.

Its amount represents 70% of the average wage per calendar day (used as basis of sick-pay calculation), but monthly amount shall not exceed that monthly maximum amount which determined by the law. Till 2006 the monthly maximum amount of child-care fee shall not exceed 70% of the doubled amount of minimum wage per month;

- 51 000 HUF in 2000;
- 83 000 HUF in 2005;
- 96 600 HUF in 2008;
- 100 100 HUF in 2009.

Number of beneficiaries: number of those insurees, who receive benefit for at least one day during the given month.

Monthly gross amounts of child-care fee: computed data, data of part of month computed to whole month.

Monthly gross average earnings: the data was calculated taking into account the income base of the benefit with daily average for a month of 30 calendar day.