

Methodological remarks, concepts, definitions

The scope of health services is included in 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.

This chapter presents the data of those concluded financing contract.

Financing contract: is concluded between the financing institute (NHIFA, RHIF) and the service provider for health service.

To define the indicators regarding financed services (per services, station), we count their average number per month.

Computer Tomography (CT) and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

Source of data: the performance data of service providers carrying out CT and MRI examinations that are forwarded to the Regional Health Insurance Funds.

Until 2004 the annual data include the corrections (subsequent account because of lack of data or mistake in the report, data correction, supplement of unprocessed data because of technical reasons, correction after audit) made until the fourth month following the current year, modifying the respective month. In 2005 it includes correction made until the end of the current year.

The tables of chapter include the data of payment category 1 (care provided on the basis of Hungarian insurance) exclusively.

The accounting rules of CT and MRI examinations went through basic changes from 1 April 2004; the multipliers based on the age of machines and the duration of examination have been abolished. The maximum performance of service providers has been determined according to the number of examinations possible to carry out. As a result of the modification the accountable quantity of contrast media, the accounting order of substitution has been regulated accurately as well as the rule-book and the values of some examination in scores has been modified significantly. From 1 October 2005 the financing rules of outpatient specialty care are applied to the accounting of CT, MRI examinations. The rules of financing with performance limit are defined in section 27 of Government Order 43/1999 (III. 3.) on detailed regulations of health care services financed by the Health Insurance Fund. Following the introduction of financing with performance limit the rule-book and the value of certain examinations in scores has been modified significantly.