

Methodological remarks, concepts, definitions

Source of data: the regular data service of the social insurance pay-offices, the data collection of the Regional Health Insurance Funds (henceforth RHIF-s), the data service of Hungarian Central Statistical Office, Central Administration of National Pensions Insurance.

The enumeration of insurees and persons entitled to health care benefits are included in the **Act LXXX of 1997 on people entitled to social insurance service and private pension as well as the coverage of these services.**

Insurees

Insuree: a person may obtain the right - in case of satisfying other conditions defined in the act - to all services of the social insurance (health and pension insurance benefits). The entitlement of insurees to certain social insurance benefits is based on their mandatory participation in social insurance and – except for some benefits set by law – the compliance with their obligation regarding social insurance contribution together with the fulfilment of liability for payment set by the Act XLIII of 1997 on mandatory social insurance. Employers are obliged to pay contribution laid down by law in order to provide financial cover to benefits within the scope of social insurance.

Employee: who is not self-employed person or member of company and is employed with the obligation of health insurance contribution.

Self-employed person: natural person who is having entrepreneurial certificate. Private persons with certifications entitling to practice private veterinary activity, private pharmacist activity, social attendants in farms and villages, private persons possessing certificate entitling to provide social services. Attorneys, European community jurists, private patent attorneys, notaries who are not member of any notary's office and autonomous bailiffs who are not member of any bailiff's office under the scope of Act on lawyers.

Member of company: the member of limited partnership, unlimited partnership, limited liability company, public-service corporate, joint enterprise, federation as well European economical coalition who takes part personally in the activity if he/she takes part in their work personally (including the period the company operates as a preliminary company), but not on the basis of employment or commission (legal relation of membership). The member of patent attorney corporation, patent attorney office, if he/she takes part in their work personally. The member of law office, notary's office, bailiff office, driving instructors working party or tutorial working party.

The detailed enumeration of insurees is included in the subsection 1-2 of section 5 of the Act LXXX of 1997.

Persons entitled to health care services: besides insurees and those entitled to health care services according to the section 13 of Act LXXX of 1997 are enumerated in the Act LXXX of 1997, section 16.

Insurees contracted with National Health Insurance Fund Administration (NHIFA): armed forces, security organizations and civil national security services, which contracted with the NHIFA or their regional authorities that contracted with County Health Insurance Funds for granting salary instead of health insurance cash benefits to their professional staff and contract labour.