

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.

Outpatient specialty care

Source of data: the data of outpatient consultations and special outpatients' department and from 2000 the monthly performance data on microbiological analysis carried out by the consulting places providing occupational health care service as well as the regional institutions of National Public Health Medical Officer's Service as the part of outpatient specialty care and forwarded to the Regional Health Insurance Funds. From 2002 the figures include the performance data of specialty care of care centres and practice laboratories.

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 accounting of performance of January 2004 fell into a new performance volume limited financing scheme of outpatient specialty care [In section 27 of Government Decree No. 43/1999 (III. 3.) on detailed regulations of health care services financed by the Health Insurance Fund].

Outpatients' specialty department: outpatient specialty care managed by hospital, special hospital where a service unit provides special outpatient care working within the organization of hospital, special hospital but is separated from that in definite consultant hours.

Number of cases: one case is the appearance of the patient at the consultation within a calendar day regardless of the number of services provided for him/her.

In case of laboratories or other health care services that analyse samples one case is the examination of one sample.

Number of interventions: number of services provided for the patient during one appearance.