

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.

Pregnancy and confinement benefit and child-care fee

Source of data: - OSAP (National Statistical Survey Programme):
No. 1514 Report: „Health Insurance Statistical Survey” I. page;
- data service of Capital City and County Government’s Office Health Insurance Fund Units.

Data were divided into counties according to belonging to the competent Capital City and County Government’s Office Health Insurance Fund Units.

*Persons entitled to **pregnancy and confinement benefit***: it is itemized by the Act LXXXIII of 1997 on the benefits of the compulsory health insurance in section 40, subsection 1.

The pregnancy and confinement benefit is the 70% of the daily average earnings.

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

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;
- 102 900 HUF in 2010.
- 109 200 HUF in 2011.