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, Regional Offices of the National Health Insurance Fund) and the service provider for health service.

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

Ledger data: the expenses accounted financially from 1 January to 31 December of the given year. The 6.1. table contains ledger data.

Tables 6.2. to 6.8.2. are containing date of service providers which concluded financing contract with NHIFA relating to the performance of the period from 1 January to 31 December.

Dialysis

Source of data: monthly performance data of services possessed of financing contract.

Until 2004 the annual data include the corrections (subsequent account because of lack of data or mistake int he 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 year.

Station: the site of the service provider concluded financing contract, where the dialysis is carried out. One provider usually has more stations.

CAPD (Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis): a dialysis treatment done at home and secures the continues elimination of water and retention substances.

EPO (*erythropoietin*): The glycoprotein hormone is a cytokine for erythrocyte precursors in the bone marrow (this hormone regulates red blood cell production), produced by the kidney. The EPO treatment of predialysed patients has been paid by the Health Insurance Fund since 2007.