

# **UEMO 2000/105**

## **BELGIAN REPLY TO QUESTIONNAIRE UEMO 2000/030 ON**

### **Urban deprived areas-social exclusion**

The Social Security system reimburse the patient in socio-economic poor conditions on better basis.

The patients also have the opportunity to have the advantage of a «Third party payment ». This one is prohibited for consultations and calls to other patients.

Furthermore, a social exemption of any own contribution is allowed to families in socio-economic poor conditions that means that they get then money totally back for health care when they reach an annual contribution.

A lot of GPs leave the patient's own contribution for those ones.

In principle, the Belgian Social Security's cover is nearly universal. Next to the Social Security , there is another social protection constituted at a local level : C.P.A.S.

The GPs give health care as well as in deprived areas than in others.

Near the liberal general medicine, there is the possibility to establish inclusive conventions with Social Security. Those conventions meet a limited success (only just 1% of GPs and population) exclusively in « maisons médicales ». Those ones are supported by the government essentially for political reasons.

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