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dear TERRY John

this is our answer to your question concerning limited budgets for GPs. in France , since 1995 , there is a global limited budget for GPs and another limited budget for SPs ; this is on a national scale . This global budget is voted every year , by the parlement and defines the percentage of augmentation in comparison with the precedent one . If the budget used , would go beyond, one year , so reimbursements for fees and for prescriptions were laid down to GPs or to SPs. National organisations of practitioners fight this law , and succeed on the state council ; We said that it was unfair and dangerous for the quality of care .The wises forbid that system because it was against the national constitution .

Last year , the government edicted a new law and allowed the national insurance to be in charge of the respect of the budget . These decided to decrease the value for fees (we work on a pay per act system) if the global budget would be overtaken (for fees and prescriptions). And for the first time , this summer , they decided to apply the system for some kinds of specialists and for most of other health practitioners (physiotherapists , nurses ...)For the GPs, they cancelled an augmentation of previous sum , due to GPs which entered a system of mix capitacion mix pay per act system (less than 10% OF GPs) this possibility of decrease of value for our fees, if the global budget goes beyond ,stands every 4 months.

Most of HPs do not agree and the next months will certainly shaw a new conflict with the authorities.

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