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National Report Czech Republic

**Concept**

Health Care in Czech Republic is provided through “so called” health insurance. In the fact that is State Health Tax and is Mandatory (tax is 13,5% from income). For children, elderly, students, unemployed people, the tax is paid by state – it is for more than 58% of all citizens.

The most of the private /ambulatory care providers and more than 90%of G.P. are solely independent contractors with Health Care Insurance Companies and all their payments are going through this Insurance /e.g. tax !

**Dr.Population**

400 per 100000

There is 10,2 mil. inhabitants and 40800 doctors, there is 7403 G.P., 5244 for adults and 2179 for children, approx 1750 registered patients for G.P. Practice for adults and 900 children for G.P. for children.

**Salary Doctors**

G.P. EUR 10– 12000 per year before tax.

Salaried Doctors in Hospitals EUR 17000 /with duties before tax /2005.

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## **Training**

After Medical Faculty (6years) a 3 year vocational training scheme was obligatory. It has been changed for a 5 years scheme and now will be changed for 4 years scheme with 2 years training in Hospital and 2 additional years training in G.P. training Practice.

Representative Body for G.P. is General Practitioners Association of Czech Republic (more than 90% of GP's). Every Doctor of Czech Republic is a Obligatory member of Czech Medical Chamber with obligatory paid membership fee.

## **Status and situation**

A Czech Health Care System is (since 1992) made on "so called" Health Insurance basis, which is just State Health Tax and "Insurance Companies" are almost only collectors and dividers and payers health care expenditures from this tax. The Real Insurance System was prepared, but not made yet because of just opposite views for the H.C. system in the government/One part like. This is the worst situation for us as private providers because it is not Insurance yet and not State System as well !!! Just "something in between" no Dog and no Cat.

The Tax is 13,5 % of income. For children, elderly, unemployed. the Tax is paid by the State, more than 58% of all inhabitants .But the state payments are only 1/4th of an average salaried people tax!. By this tax everybody is health insured .What is not good is that there is no limits on patient health spending and they can go freely anywhere and anytime in H.C. system with no any co-payments! (exception is dental care and small co payment for pharmacy – the average co-payment for 1 prescription is 2,1 EUR). There is not a Gate Keeping role of G.P. since 1992 and people are floating on the system as they like.

G.P. are solely contractors with these "Insurance Companies" on the basis on Combination Capitation System (it means approx.85% for Capitation by registration and 15% f.f.s.). Capitation is approx.1,8 EUR per registered patient per month and1700 patients for Practice is the average.

That means that Income for Health care for 1 Practice from insurance is approx. 110 000 Kc – 4000EUR for 1month and Expense for renting, heating, salaries, insurance, taxi.approx.80 000 or more. This is 30 000 CZK before tax /1100 EUR /.

There is no any other money income from people or insurance .The direct payments or co-payments are prohibited by LAW !!! except dental care. There are some small fees for no health services e.g. driver licence, shooting licence....approx.15E for 1 service.

There is a lot of problems in G.P. situation due to a non attractive positions in Health care system and very low payments from the insurance.

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For a whole 1 year of registration and treatment of 1patient is G.P. insurance income app.600 CZK= like 2box of antibiotics or 20litres of petrol. The situation with payments is critical !!! The surgeries are in a numbers almost in depths and not invested in Practice or Education, not get enough salary for themselves or nurses. The situation is confusing, that average salary in State Faculty Hospital is almost same as turnover of Private G.P. Surgery in 2006! There is a lot of other problems like in any other Health System, but these are quite unusual (for example 1 patient home visit for G.P. is paid 2EUR + 1,5EUR travel expense, that is 3,5 EUR total! comparing 1tram ticket 0,70EUR, 1litter petrol 1,1EUR, 1hour service work for PC, Car repair is 12-40EUR! The average age for G.P. is 53, almost 20% GPs in Retired age and almost no young ones! Only 3 graduated in 2006! Proposed about 20 for 2007!)

There is a problem for no covered of post-graduated education of New doctors after University and CME is not obligatory.

There were a lot of all the country demonstrations due to the system and G.P. situation 2006 and start 2007.

It was New Government and New MOH since summer 2006. No changes up to now and new negotiations is with MOH and Insurance Companies just in work for 2008! Future is upon us, hopefully, but situation is very chaotic and critical..

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