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## INCREASED BUDGETS FOR NEW METHODS AND MORE HEALTH-CARE SERVICES

The Health Insurance Fund of Macedonia has started 2016 with the historically largest budget of this institution in the amount of 25 billion and 575 million denars. This budget is by 1.4 billion higher than the last year's one, that is increased by 5.85%. The Budget of about 25.6 billion denars is twice as high if compared to 2000 – the year when the Fund was established with a budget of 12.5 billion denars.

In order to achieve proper and transparent allocation of the budget in the past two months we have had negotiations with different stakeholders in the health-care system and managed to distribute the budget methodology between public and private health-care institutions. Last year we introduced a new practice, and that is to make part of the budget discussions and negotiating for the 2106 budgets to be made both within the health institutions and in HIF.

For the allocation of the budget, the Fund has used several parameters such as:

1. analysis of the budget implementation for the previous 2105 budget;
2. data from the negotiations with the health-care facilities;
3. plan for type and scope of health-care services and new methods and new health-care services for 2016 proposed by the PHI;
4. The sustainability of the public health institutions.

General reallocation of 2016 funds is as follows:

Expenditures	funds in 2016 in 000 denars
Public health-care facilities	13,746,599
Private health-care facilities (out of which):	7,813,500
Family doctors	2,785,000
Pharmacies	2,480,000
Specialists and laboratories	610,000
Dialysis	1,000,000
In-vitro fertilization	95,000
Cardiac surgery	705,000
Eye Surgery	65,500



<b>Baths</b>	<b>73,000</b>
Treatment abroad	<b>300,000</b>
Orthopaedic devices	<b>550,000</b>
Reimbursements	<b>50,000</b>
MANU	<b>17,000</b>
Fees for maternity and sick leaves	<b>2.575.000</b>
Administrative expenses of the Fund	<b>573,078</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,575,177</b>

Division of the 2016 budget in percents is as follows: PHI will receive 54% of the Fund budget, PZU will receive 31%; 10% for maternity benefits and disease, 2% for orthopaedic aid, 1% for treatment abroad, 2% for the functioning of the Fund (salaries, vehicles, capital investment and software ).

In 2016, when reallocating the funds, we have increased the funds for the public health facilities by 860 million denars boosting serious encouragement and support for the public health. This 6.7% increase in assets by have been decided based upon several segments as follows:

- New health-care services by introducing new methods of treatment;
- Increased types and scope of existing health-care services.
- Financial sustainability of health-care facilities and the need for financing their functioning.
- Newly hired specialized personnel (transformations and acquisitions from PHI).
- Increased salaries for certain categories of health-care workers.

The division of financial means in accordance with health care protection is as follows:

Item number	TYPE OF PHI	DN 2015	DN 2016	Difference between DN 2016 and DN 2015	Percentage of increase %
1	ALL PHI UNIVERSITY CLINICS	4.559.342.000	4.820.242.000	260.900.000	5,72
2	ALL CLINICAL HOSPITALS, GENERAL CITY HOSPITAL "8 <sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER" AND GENERAL HOSPITALS	4.263.100.000	4.631.500.000	368.400.000	8,64
3	ALL SPECIALISED HOSPITALS	1.144.200.000	1.202.400.000	58.200.000	5,09
4	ALL HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS AND CENTERS	2.036.398.000	2.129.598.000	93.200.000	4,58
5	ALL INSTITUTES AND MEDICAL FACULTY	690.800.000	731.400.000	40.600.000	5,88



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6	ALL PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRES	192.900.000	211.100.000	18.200.000	9,43
7	PHI PET CENTER		20.500.000	20.500.000	
8	ALL PHIS	12.886.740.000	13.746.740.000	860.000.000	6,67

This year for the first time we have set aside funds for a new health-care facility which is of a paramount importance for the Macedonian health-care system. This year we are expecting the start of the PET centre so we have projected an initial fund for the initial operation of the PET center.

The increase in the budgets of PHI is stimulating and motivating in order to provide a greater volume of health-care services and also to provide better health-care services. The increase of funds is conditioned by an increase in the number of surgical interventions in clinical and general hospitals in order to reduce the referral of patients in Skopje clinics. The clinics are conditioned by providing new health services and new working methods and also by increasing the type and scope of existing health-care services that they provide. We would like to emphasize a part of the increases in PHI and they are as follows:

PHI for Cardiology has an increase of 19.4 million denars and a total budget of 342.4 million denars;

PHI for Neurosurgery has an increase of 9.9 million denars and a total budget of 122.9 million denars;

PHI for Thoracic and vascular surgery has an increase of 6,9 million denars and a total budget of 112.4 million denars;

PHI for TOARUC has an increase of 49.4 million denars and a total budget of 443.9 million denars;

PHI for Haematology has an increase of 19.9 million denars and a total budget of 247.4 million denars;

PHI for Oncology has an increase of 24.4 million denars and a total budget of 576.4 million denars;

All Clinical Hospitals (Stip, Bitola and Tetovo) receive an increase of 69.7 million denars with a total budget of 1 billion and 401 million denars;

Out of all hospitals we single out the PHI "8th of September" with an increase of 68.9 million denars and a total budget of 829.9 million denars;

PHI General Hospital Kumanovo has an increase of 48.4 million denars and a total budget of 371.4 million denars;

The budget up to 1.4 billion denars (540 million denars) is allocated for increasing the number of prescription drugs available in the pharmacies, increased number of dialysis treatment, increased number of in-vitro fertilization cases along with covered costs for in-vitro fertilization for the patient (fully free of charge as of 13.11) along with increased funds projected for family doctors and dentists to increase the value of their capitation.