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Increasing the capitation for primary care dentists

In terms of improving the overall situation in the field of dentistry, the Health Insurance Fund identified three segments in need of improvement. The first segment refers to the funds that the Health Fund allocates for primary healthcare, i.e. funding the primary care dentists.

The financing of primary health care activities in the field of dentistry, that is, the funding of primary care dentists is based on capitation. In the case of dentists, one insured accounts for one capitation unit. The value of a capitation unit is 35 denars. In practice, it means that if a dentist has 2 000 patients, the Fund will pay 70 000 denars per month to said primary care dentist.

Today, with great pleasure, we would like to inform you that as of 01.01.2016, the Health Fund, after conducting a comprehensive analysis of the state of primary healthcare, decided to increase the capitation unit for dentists from 35 to 40 denars, an increase of 14%. The funds are provided from the Fund's 2016 Budget, starting on 01.01.2016, and the fiscal implications of the capitation increase for dentists will be 75.3 million per annum. The Health Insurance Fund allocates substantial funds for dentistry and the 2015 Budget envisaged and will payout 524 million denars, and with the increase of 75.3 million denars in 2016, the Fund will payout 599.3 million denars for primary care dentists.

The benefit of this measure will be felt among the 1146 teams of dentists who are working in 963 offices that have entered into contract with the Fund in 2015. This measure will mean improved dental healthcare for our insureds, since we deem primary care dentists will be incentivised to take care of the oral health. This benefit will also be felt by 1 312 300 insureds, who have selected a primary care dentist. The count of insureds, who have selected a primary care dentist has been continuously growing, and the Fund have allocated adequate funding. On average, each primary care dentist has 1145 insureds-patients.

Our decision, which is to be verified by the Fund's Management Board, and upon obtaining consent from the Minister of Health, will be published in the Official Gazette of R. of Macedonia. We reiterate that the increase will be valid as of 01.01.2016.

The second segment that contributes to improving the conditions in dentistry, and which affects the improvement of the working conditions for the primary care dentists, is the drafting of new annexes to the 2016 agreements. The new annexes to the agreements are aimed at supporting the Government's policy of relaxation of the penal policy, and reducing contractual penalties. At the same time, the Fund made these amendments in order to fully facilitate the daily operations of the primary healthcare dentists.



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The third segment refers to increasing the salaries of dentists for specialised care working in the Dental Clinical Centre by about 20%, thus equalizing them with their colleagues for specialized care from the other clinics.

The Health Insurance Fund of Macedonia will continue being an equal partner of the healthcare institutions and will work with them on strengthening of and providing better quality and more accessible healthcare for all insureds, and quality working conditions for the healthcare workers.