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### Increasing the capitation for primary healthcare physicians

Primary healthcare is the patient's first contact with the healthcare system, and has a special meaning as the "gate" of the overall treatment and monitoring of the patient's health status. At the primary healthcare physician, each insured should get quality healthcare services, risk assessment, and early detection of diseases with great importance for preventive and timely treatment.

HIFM is constantly monitoring the services and improving the functioning of the primary healthcare, with a long-term tendency to provide better quality services, that is to say, better preventive healthcare, and timely diagnosis for the purpose of ensuring better health for all insureds.

All changes aimed at improving healthcare and the working conditions for physicians, regardless of their field, are done in constant cooperation with the Chamber of Dentists, Medical Chamber and the Association of Private Physicians of Macedonia.

Today, we would like to inform you with great pleasure that as of 01.07.2016, the Health Fund, after conducting a comprehensive analysis of the state of primary healthcare, decided to increase the capitation unit for primary healthcare physicians from 50 to 55 denars. This means that primary healthcare physicians will get a 10% increase for better health care for the patients.

The last increase of the capitation unit for primary healthcare physicians was made in 2011, from 45 to 50 denars. The financing of primary healthcare in the field of general medicine, that is, the funding of primary healthcare physicians is based on capitation.

The Health Insurance Fund allocates substantial funds for the field of general medicine, and the 2015 Budget envisaged and will payout 1 billion and 870 million denars. The increase of 5 denars per capitation unit shall have an additional fiscal implication for the Fund of 188 million denars per annum.

The benefit of this measure will be felt among the 1527 teams of primary healthcare physicians who are working in 1085 offices that have entered into agreements with the Fund in 2015. This measure will mean improving the situation in primary healthcare, which will in turn affect our 1 768 939 insureds, who have selected a primary healthcare physician, and this figure has been steadily increasing year on year. On average, each primary healthcare physician has 1159 patients for whom the Fund pays 104 367 denars.



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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 01.07.2016.

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.