Abstract

The system of financing health care in the Czech Republic

This thesis aims to describe and assess the relationship between health insurance companies and healthcare providers. It focuses on its imbalances, dominance by health insurance companies, as well as the impact of this dominance on the patient and the entire Czech Republic health care system. This issue has become very acute at present because of the accentuation of health policy priorities by political leaders, especially it is often a very important topic of local politics, and also because of the penetration of business into healthcare.

The next aim of this study is to conclude the long-term sustainability and balance approach of the current reimbursement system for providers of healthcare services, as well as outlining other possible scenarios. The way to this conclusion is a focus on the description of the current sources of health care provision, focus on its financing and the analysis of the legal regulation of the whole issues, as well as a summary of the determining court findings. The outcome is in the draft of legislative changes that should remedy the distortion in one of the segments of the providing of health services, namely in providing Follow-up intensive, Follow-up ventilation and Long-term intensive nursing care.

The analysis of the factual situation as well as the legal consequences indicate that the current form of the healthcare service delivery framework is not perfect and has many weaknesses. The success rate of both current and any potentially new healthcare systems is and always will be strongly determined by the amount of funds available to the healthcare system. The healthcare provider will always be the weaker partner of the health insurance company, but the system can be at least partially straightened and direct to a lesser imbalance in the relationship by the application of some basic market mechanisms, assuming a sustainable and sufficient funding of the healthcare system.

Keywords

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