Abstract

Reimbursement decree is an important part of the healthcare policy in Czech Republic. It determines how the resources will be allocated in the healthcare system the next year. According to the Czech legislature, Ministry of Health invites the representatives of insurance companies and healthcare providers to discuss and create a balanced form of reimbursement. When they are not able to agree, it's up to Ministry of Health to determine the reimbursement in corresponding segment.

We assume that this kind of organization enables the involved representatives to push their interests in order to get more favorable financing for their profession. Different groups have different positions in the bargaining process so we can expect the existence of winners and losers according to the financial arrangements they were able to enforce.

Using the content analysis of final protocols from reimbursement decree conciliations, spending of insurance companies in healthcare segments and settlements of reimbursement decree comment procedures we haven't found any indications of unfair behavior of participating actors. Another interesting outcome is a base for any further research in this area which wasn't so far researched in academia.

Keywords

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