

This Master's thesis deals with possible consequences of the conversion of the health insurance providers to a different type of legal person – a joint stock company – in the Czech Republic, as it was proposed by the Ministry of Health in the year 2008. The study deals mainly with a comparison of the contemporary types of legal persons of the health insurance providers with the proposed type, as is characterized in the consultation documents (white papers) from the year 2008. First, the historical development and historical roots of the types of legal persons under discussion are compared, second, the comparison is made based on legal and organizational characteristics. Finally, the potential changes, in case of implementation of the proposals, of the relations between the core stakeholders of the system of financing health care (insured persons, health care providers, insurance providers and the state) are considered.