
Serbia and DRG

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Serbian Health System

- Three levels of care:
 - Primary (PHC - Dom zdravlja)
 - Secondary
 - Tertiary
 - Bismarck model – public health insurance
 - Universal coverage?
 - Public providers – approx. 360 HCs
(104.000 employees, 37.000 beds)
 - Private providers not well developed or integrated
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Health Insurance Fund

- Public
 - Single (Military separate)
 - National
 - Obligatory (12,3% of gross salary)
 - Purchaser of HC services
 - Budget for 2010: approx. 1,8 billion euro
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Financing and provider payment

- Owner:
 - capital investments
 - equipment

 - HIF:
 - service provision
 - input based financing (capacity)
 - contracting (budget, work plan, invoices)
 - fee-for-service or justification of funds?
 - same mechanism for all types of care (rehabilitation?)
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MOH and HIF – determination for introduction of new PP systems

- ▣ capitation for PHC
- ▣ DRGs for higher levels of care

National Assembly – Healthcare Development Plan 2010-15

Why DRGs?

- Efficiency in service provision
 - Measurement and transparency of HCl operations
 - More fair allocation of funds in the system

 - Improvement in HCl management – towards increasing autonomy
 - Improvement of the provider-payer discussions
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What DRG system will be used?

- AR-DRG v6.0
- Analysis and piloting in Serbia
- Countries in the region

Introduction of DRGs in Serbia?

- Analytical tool -> Reporting -> Payment
 - Use as much of existing system as possible (e.g. invoice)
 - Gradual introduction during several years:
 - stability of the system and institutions
 - capacity building (centrally and locally)
 - work to be done (e.g. costing)
 - time for HCl's to adjust
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Current developments

- HIF has formed a unit whose main purpose is to support DRG implementation.
 - New nomenclature of services (procedure classification) for secondary and tertiary care is in process of adoption.
 - Changes of invoice format are being done to contain all data needed for grouping. Grouping would be done centrally, at first for analytical purposes.
 - January 1st, 2012 (?)
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Obstacles

- Not enough coordination
 - Political instability
 - Election year 2012
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