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# 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

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# 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

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# 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 HCs 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 (?)
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# Obstacles

- Not enough coordination
  - Political instability
  - Election year 2012
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# THANK YOU

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