

Introductory notes

This publication contains selected indicators from quarterly statistical form Zdp 3-04. Obligated to report are incorporated businesses whose principal activity classifies them to health insurance companies (CZ-NACE group 75.3).

*The legislative framework for the activity of the health insurance companies in the Czech Republic is laid down by **laws** on the Všeobecná zdravotní pojišťovna ČR (VZP ČR; General Health Insurance Company of the CR) and on employees' (branch) health insurance companies. In accordance with these laws, the health insurance companies are bearers of public health insurance for the ensured they register.*

*This statistical publication contains **preliminary data** for Q4 2009 and data for the Q4 2008 period, which are roughly at the same level. Highlighted are the indicators "Premiums written", "Costs of health care" and selected indicators of "Assets and liabilities".*

Also included are brief analytical comments characterizing development trends of key indicators on health insurance companies in Q4 2009 in comparison to the corresponding quarter of 2008 and methodological notes on data in the tables.

In interpretation and use of the indicators presented one should bear in mind that due to the date for the submitting and processing of statistical form Zdp 3-04 (by the 27th calendar day following the end of the reference quarter) which comes earlier than the closing date of the reporting units' accounts, the units are allowed, in compliance with methodological notes to the form, to use expert guesses for the reporting of those statistical indicators which are defined with regard to accounting indicators or derived from them. These guesses are then updated using a retro-correction system: the reporting units can submit, together with data for a current quarter, corrections (updates) of estimates for all previous quarters of a current year.

*In comparison to 2008 **no changes** were made in quarterly statistical form Zdp 3-04 for 2009 as regards the manner of reporting. Like in 2008 data in these sections are recorded as totals for public health insurance and other taxable activities.*

In the statistical survey 2009 like in 2008 the indicators of Assets and liabilities, costs of health care, increases and decreases of intangible and tangible fixed assets, revenues from public health insurance premiums including fixtures, costs and revenues are monitored.

***In statistical quarterly survey Zdp 3-04 for 2009** compared to 2008 a few minor changes of statistical report were made. In section Increases and decreases of intangible and tangible fixed assets the structure of types of tangible and intangible fixed assets was adjusted. Compared to 2008 in statistical report no more major changed were made.*

