

Introduction

This publication contains the results of processing of completed statistical forms Zdp 5-01 (submitted by health insurance companies) for the year 2008 when there were ten operating health insurance companies in the Czech Republic. The data result predominantly from accounts of the health insurance companies and cover employees and wages, revenues and creation of funds, expenses and drawing of funds, selected items of assets and liabilities, and intangible and tangible fixed assets (see tables 1–7). The numbering of rows in the tables is the same as the numbering of rows in the form.

Under reporting duty for statistical form Zdp 5-01 are incorporated businesses whose principal activity is public health insurance administration and which are classified to the institutional sector of general government (S.13), more precisely to the subsector of social security funds (S.1314); CZ-NACE group 753. Accounts of the health insurance companies are governed by the chart of accounts for health insurance companies (Decree of the Ministry of Finance of the CR No. 503/2002 Sb. of 6 November 2002 as amended). The legislative framework for the activity of the health insurance companies in the Czech Republic is provided by the Act on General Health Insurance Company of the CR and Act on employees (branch) health insurance companies. In accordance with these Acts, the health insurance companies are providers of public health insurance for persons they register.

When comparing data in this publication with those in the publication Economic Results of Health Insurance Companies for the Fourth Quarter of 2008 and the Year 2008 containing annual results as a total for Q1-Q4 2007 derived from completed forms Zdp 3-04, we should bear in mind that differences may occur even between indicators with the same contents. As completed quarterly forms Zdp 3-04 are submitted and processed before accounts of the health insurance companies for a given quarter are closed, the reporting units can apply expert guesses in compliance with the methodological notes to form Zdp 3-04. Most of the basic indicators for annual form Zdp 5-01 are taken directly from accounts which tend to be closed before completed forms for a given year are submitted.

This statistical publication contains data for the year 2007 and data for the year 2008. The data presented are comparable with those for the year 2007 because form Zdp 5-01 underwent no changes between the years 2007 and 2008; only minor adjustments to methodological notes were made. In Table 1 the indicator "Average registered number of employees/FTE" has not been used; in Tables 2 and 3 two new indicators were introduced (Revenues from foreign insurance companies as health care advance payment, Advance payment on health care provided to foreigners), in Table 6 and 7 the indicator "Loss and Deficit" is left out.

The indicators "Premiums written" and "Costs of health care" were in 2008 observed under the item "Health insurance premiums written".

Opening figures of 2008 for some of the indicators in this publication differ from closing figures of 2007 given in the publication Economic Results of Health Insurance Companies for the Year 2007 (see Table 4). This is due to additional corrections relating to 2007 performed by the health insurance companies after the audit (corrections of current accounts, special accounts of public health insurance funds, cash values). In the case of new indicators, data referring to 31 December 2007 were taken from completed forms for 2008 (see explanatory notes to the tables).

Preventive programmes (see Table 3) are used for example for funding of curative stays of children, preventive examinations, remedial swimming programmes, vaccination, contributions to pharmaceuticals products, etc.

Note:

1. The symbol "x" in a table indicates:

- a) data is not applicable (e.g. an index whose value in the base period was "0"; value/number is on the opposite side of zero; or index above 999.9),
- b) data cannot be published according to Directive No. 6/2005 of the President of the Czech Statistical Office that contains principles for providing of the statistical information to external users (hereinafter only "the principles"). The principles are based on the position of the Czech Statistical Office and Act No. 89/1995 Sb., on the State Statistical Service, as amended, and on equal access of all users to statistical information.

2. The symbol "." in a table denotes that the indicator was not observed in a given period.

3. Indices are calculated from unrounded data.