

## Brief analytical comments

**In Q3 2008 the number of active units** operating in the area of health insurance changed compared with the corresponding period of 2007. **Starting from 1 January 2008** there is a total of ten health insurance companies in the CR. In Q3 2008 health insurance companies employed in total 7090 persons (FTE), which was 2.0% more than in Q3 2007 (6952 persons).

**The average monthly wage** (calculated from wages free of other personnel expenses and from the above number of employed persons) increased from CZK 26 077 in Q3 2007 to CZK 27 116 in Q3 2008 (+4.0% year-on-year).

**Premiums written** (excl. those paid by the state) make up a substantial part of total revenues of health insurance companies. In Q3 2008 they amounted to CZK 40 billion, rising by 0.5% on Q3 2007.

The amount of premiums is regulated by the General Health Insurance Premiums Act No. 592/1992 Sb., whose amendment referring, among other things, also to the assessment base determination, has been applicable since 2008. Premiums written measured on accrual basis are not actual revenues of health insurance companies. Actual revenues unlike premiums written are reduced by premiums not paid.

According to data of the **Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic**, the actual revenues of health insurance companies – collection of premiums incl. those for persons paid by the state (hereinafter "state insureds" – reached CZK 156 billion in Q1 – Q3 2008, which was an increase by 5.94 % compared with 2007 when the revenues accounted for CZK 148 billion (data of the Ministry of Health on results of the 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> relocation of revenues of health insurance companies - collected premiums in 2007 and 2008).

Of the **total costs** of health insurance companies in **Q3 2008** (costs and expenses established by expenditure approach from respective funds of health insurance companies), **health care costs** paid from the basic health insurance fund and the prevention fund or possibly from the preventive care fund made up 93.5 % which was a 9.6 % increase compared with the corresponding period of 2007 (see Table 3). Costs of in-patient services make up a key proportion of health care costs (52.5%); they grew by 9.1 % compared to the corresponding period of 2007.

In Q3 2008, the health insurance companies **acquired** intangible and tangible **fixed assets** (incl. land) worth CZK 132.2 million and CZK 87.7 million, respectively. The **balance sum** of the health insurance companies (the total of assets or liabilities) reached CZK 100 billion at the end of Q3 2008 and, compared to the end of Q2 2008, it increased by CZK 1.5 billion. The acquisition **value of intangible and tangible fixed assets (depreciated) – net** in assets of the health insurance companies was CZK 98.5 million down compared with the previous quarter.