

Introduction

This publication contains the results of processing of completed statistical forms Zdp 5-01 (submitted by health insurance companies) for the year 2006 when there were nine 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 2006 and the Year 2006 containing annual results as a total for Q1-Q4 2006 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 2005 and data for the year 2006. The data presented are comparable with those for the year 2005 because form Zdp 5-01 underwent no changes between the years 2005 and 2006; only minor adjustments to methodological notes were made.

The indicators “Premiums written” and “Costs of health care” were in 2006 observed under the item “Health insurance premiums written”. The value of the items contractual insurance and supplementary insurance was no more measured in 2006.

Opening figures of 2006 for some of the indicators in this publication differ from closing figures of 2005 given in the publication Economic Results of Health Insurance Companies for the Year 2005 (see Table 4). This is due to additional corrections relating to 2005 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 2005 were taken from completed forms for 2006 (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.