

Brief analytical comments

*In Q1 2010 there is a total of **nine health insurance companies** in the CR, which is **two health insurance companies less** compared to the corresponding period of 2009. In Q1 2010 health insurance companies employed in total 7043 persons (FTE), which was 0.4% less than in Q1 2009 (7069 persons).*

*The **average monthly wage** (calculated from wages free of other personnel expenses and from the above number of employed persons) increased from CZK 26 504 in Q1 2009 to CZK 27 830 in Q1 2010 (+5% year-on-year). **Wage compensations provided by the employer** for the first 14 days of temporary incapacity for work in Q1 2010 accounted for CZK 1 991 000. These wage compensations (for the first 14 days of temporary incapacity for work) are paid out by the employer in compliance with Act No. 262/2006 Sb., Labour Code and Act No. 187/2006 regulating the Sickness Insurance, which became effective on 1 January 2009.*

***Premiums written** (excl. those paid by the state) make up a substantial part of total revenues of health insurance companies. In the reported period they amounted to CZK 38.8 bn, i.e. by 4.2% down compared to the corresponding period of 2009. In Q1 the amount of premiums written was contributed to mainly by increasing number of persons registered by employment offices, decreasing income of the insured persons and related health insurance payment. 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, however, 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 (payment by the state increased from CZK 677 to CZK 723 per person and month, year-on-year), reached the total of CZK 51.1 billion in Q1 2010, which was a decrease by 0,55 % compared with the corresponding period in 2009 when the revenues accounted for CZK 51.3 billion (data of the Ministry of Health on results of the 1st to 3rd relocation of revenues of health insurance companies - collected premiums in 2009 and 2010).*

*Of the **total costs** of health insurance companies in **Q1 2010** (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 95.5 %, which was a 1.4 % increase compared with the corresponding period of 2009 (see Table 3). Costs of in-patient services make up a key proportion of health care costs (51.1%); they grew by 2.6 % compared to the corresponding period of 2009.*

*In Q1 2010, the health insurance companies **acquired** intangible and tangible **fixed assets** (incl. land) worth CZK 47.8 million and CZK 245 million, respectively. The **balance sum** of the health insurance companies (the total of assets or liabilities) reached CZK 94 billion at the end of Q1 2010 and, compared to the end of Q4 2009, it decreased by CZK 0.5 billion. The acquisition **value of intangible and tangible fixed assets (depreciated) – net** in assets of the health insurance companies was CZK 31.5 million up compared with the previous quarter.*

