

Brief analytical comments

In Q1 2012 there is a total of **eight health insurance companies** in the CR, the same number as in the corresponding period of 2011. In Q1 2012 health insurance companies employed in total 6174 persons (FTE), which was by 11.1% less than in Q1 2011 (6948 persons).

The average monthly wage (calculated from wages excl. other personnel expenses and from the above number of employed persons) increased from CZK 28 325 in Q1 2011 to CZK 29 330 in Q1 2012 (+3.1%, year-on-year). Wage compensations provided by the employer for the first 21 days of temporary incapacity for work in Q1 2012 accounted for CZK 2.4 million. These wage compensations (for the first days of temporary incapacity for work) are paid out by the employer in compliance with relevant legislation. A year-on-year comparison of paid compensations is not made in 2012 due to a change in the time taken into account for the duty to pay the wage compensation.

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 40.4 bn, i.e. by 1.7% up compared to the corresponding period of 2011. 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 from the **Ministry of Health of the CR**, the **amount of CZK 6 102 million** was **extraordinarily included** in the first reallocation of the year 2012 in accordance with the Article VI points 1 and 2 and the Article VIII points 2 and 3 of the Act No. 298/2011 Sb., changing the Act No. 48/1997 Sb., on public health insurance and on changes and supplement of some related acts, as amended, and other related acts. This duty stipulated by law means that in the Q1 2012 financial sources in the amount of CZK 60 953 million were reallocated, which in the comparison to the corresponding period of the year 2011, when the real revenues made up CZK 52 608 million, means an increase by 15.86% (source: the Ministry of Health of the CR from the results of the 1st to the 3rd reallocation of the public health insurance premiums in 2011 and 2012 – available resources).

After adjustment by the extraordinary effect, real revenues of health insurance companies, i.e. collection of premiums including the payment of the state for the sickness insured, for whom the state is the payer of the premium, which has not increased, year-on-year, and amounts to CZK 723 per person and month in the Q1 2012, were in total CZK 54 851 million, which means in comparison to the corresponding period of 2011, when they were CZK 52 608 million, an increase by 4.26% (source: the Ministry of Health of the CR from the results of the 1st to the 3rd reallocation of the public health insurance premiums in 2011 and 2012 – adjusted resources).

Of the **total costs** of health insurance companies in **Q1 2012** (costs and expenses 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 4.2% increase compared with the corresponding period of 2011 (see Table 3). Costs of in-patient services make up a key proportion of health care costs (50.9%); they grew by 3.1% compared to the corresponding period of 2011.

In Q1 2012, the health insurance companies **acquired** intangible and tangible **fixed assets** (incl. land) worth CZK 54.3 million and CZK 37.7 million, respectively. The **balance sum** of the health insurance companies (the total of assets or liabilities) reached CZK 57.8 billion at the end of Q1 2012 and, compared to the end of Q4 2011, it decreased by CZK 7.0 billion. The **value of intangible and tangible fixed assets – net** in assets of the health insurance companies was CZK 190.7 million down compared with the previous quarter.