

Introductory notes

This publication contains selected indicators from quarterly statistical form Zdp 3-01. Obligated to report are incorporated businesses whose principal activity classifies them to health insurance companies (CZ-NACE class 843 – Compulsory social security activities – Classification of economy activities – CZ-NACE).

The legislative framework for the activity of the health insurance companies in the Czech Republic is laid down by laws on the General Health Insurance Company of the CR (Všeobecná zdravotní pojišťovna ČR-VZP ČR) and on employees' (branch) health insurance companies. In accordance with these laws, the health insurance companies are bearers of public health insurance for the insured they register.

This publication contains data for the fourth quarter 2013, data for the 1. – 4. quarter and also for the same period of 2012. Brief comments characterizing development trends of key indicators on health insurance companies in the reporting period in comparison with the same period of the previous year and methodological notes on data in the tables.

In interpretation and use of the indicators presented one should bear in mind that due to the deadline for the submitting and processing of statistical form Zdp 3-04 (by the 27th calendar day following the end of the reference quarter) which comes earlier than the closing date of the reporting units' accounts, the units are allowed, in compliance with methodological notes to the form, to use informed guesses for the reporting of those statistical indicators which are defined with regard to accounting indicators or derived from them. These guesses are then updated using a retro-correction system: the reporting units can submit, together with data for a current quarter, corrections (updates) of estimates for all previous quarters of a current year.

*In comparison to 2012 **no changes** were made in quarterly statistical form Zdp 3-04 for 2013 as regards the manner of reporting. Like in 2012 data in these sections are recorded as totals for public health insurance and other taxable activities.*

In the statistical survey 2013 like in 2012 the indicators of Assets and liabilities, costs of health care, increases and decreases of intangible and tangible fixed assets, revenues from public health insurance premiums including fixtures (penalties), costs and revenues are monitored. Reported data are a basic information source used for compilation of the national government accounts for health insurance companies classified into the government subsector S.1314 – social security funds.