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The campaign of the Parliamentary Elections in the spring of 2014 started really early, therefore further great changes are not to be expected in healthcare.

All healthcare institutions have been taken over by the state, and thus the workers of the system became public servants. Healthcare budget has not been increased, and it still does not reach 4 % of the GDP. Consequently, hospital debts reached a critical level. Compulsory retirement has been introduced in the public sphere, however healthcare workers had the opportunity to ask for and receive exemption from this law. In two consecutive years there have been regular pay rises in healthcare in Hungary, on average doctors received a pay rise of about 350 EUR within two years. Despite all this, emigration of doctors has not decreased dramatically, still around 1000 – 1200 doctors leave the country every year. By the autumn of 2013 the lack of doctors causes serious daily operational problems in more and more hospitals.

The substitution of General Practitioners is not yet resolved, their financing has not improved, and young people do not choose this career, plus the average age of GPs is tragically high.

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