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The situation in Italy did not practically change in the last six months.

In the last months, the Italian Public Health System is still suffering from many problems, including lack of personnel turnover and block of salary increases. This slow and progressive deterioration of Public Health is particularly serious especially in the regions of southern Italy. In the maneuver planned by the government on health for 2015 there are cuts to about 2.6 billion euro that will affect particularly pharmaceutical expenditure, services and medical devices: they will be reduced, as well as rehabilitation specialist services and number of patients hospitalized in small private clinics deemed unnecessary to be paid by citizens. It is also expected to further reduce the number of Chairmen positions available in the hospitals.

Obviously, the Regions strongly oppose this move and ask for changes. On the other hand, the government policy would like to unlock the funds for salary increases by hospital doctors after 5 and 15 years' service: however, local health care institutions have heavy economic constraints, such that these funds are not yet available.

The cut of 2.6 billion is added to the 31 billion that have already been cut in 2014. Moreover, this reduction may have effect on the possibility of the future growth of the salaries. The Regions do not oppose, shifting over the citizens a part of the costs that they will pay for the medical performance. On the other side our funds continue to be looted.

Furthermore, we would like to point out the persistence of a slow and progressive process of Task-Shifting.

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