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# **Information about the health care in Czech Republic**

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27th June 2018 Czech President Milos Zeman has appointed Andrej Babiš' second minority coalition government , consisting of political movement ANO 2011 and centre-left Czech Social Democratic Party (ČSSD).

Andrej Babiš, leader of the ANO party was appointed as government leader on June 6th.

The current government, sworn in on June 27, 2018 is the 15th since the dissolution of Czechoslovakia in 1993.

The cabinet was approved by the Chamber of Deputies on July 12, 2018 with a yes 105 – no 91- 0 abstain vote (105Czech Social Democratic Party , former movement Action of Dissatisfied Citizens ANO 2011, Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia - 91 - 6 opposition parties).

The coalition holds 93 seats in the Chamber of Deputies, eight seats short of a simple majority of 101 seats. With KSČM (Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia) support, the government controls a majority of 108 seats

There is a new situation on the political scene. For us as the health professionals, the situation has worsened compared to the previous report.

The prime minister has withdrawn his consent to the salary increase by another 10% for 2019.

We also feel betrayed by employers who signed up to a significantly lower amount of money for the hospital segment than would be needed.

Therefore now negotiations are taking place how to raise the basic salaries from this smaller amount. At the moment it looks like the maximum is at 5%.

I will keep you informed of further developments in the plenary session.

Prague, September 6, 2018

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