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Information about the health care in Czech Republic

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The whole period coincides with the Covid 19 pandemic, which had several waves in the Czech Republic. By far the worst situation was in the spring 2021, when hospitals were completely filled with patients despite the maximum possible increase in bed capacity. There were about 12 thousand patients, of which 2 thousand were in intensive care units. Even in this situation, the frontline health care professionals were able to cope with this onslaught (mental and physical) and thus prevent the enormous devastation of human lives. Despite all efforts, more than 40.000 people died in Czech Republic of Covid 19 alone.

As soon as we managed the consequences of the pandemic, the war in Ukraine began and that set millions of people in motion. In the Czech Republic alone, more than 300,000 refugees have found asylum, for whom it is necessary to provide services such as accommodation, health care and the integration of children into schools.

In the autumn of 2021, parliamentary elections took place and a right-wing government took office. Among other things, the payment for state insured patients is reduced (which is a significant income of money to health insurance companies), which will severely damage the health care system. Therefore, we are discussing the valorisation of this amount for 2022, which is likely to be very difficult for healthcare from the economic point of view.

In the previous period, we managed to negotiate a total salary increase of 16 percent and in addition to that, remuneration for health professionals in amount of 2 x 3000 EUR.

Now are negotiations on health care insurance companies' payments for 2023 beginning. In addition to that, the inflation is now exceeding 13 percent. We will demand a further increase in basic salaries.

How it all turns out will be clear in the autumn at the earliest.

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