

We have in Slovakia from July 2010 the new government, the coalition of 4 right-side political parties.

1. The new minister of health decided to delete to GP position, as a gatekeeper. It is an political, no professional decision. In Slovakia no referral needed for patient go to the specialist.
2. The new minister has new ideas for stabilisation of medical costs, especially drugs. The new idea is the generic prescription of drugs. It is a problem for our GP's, because we think, the generic prescription is the big change of physician position in the patient-physician relationship. The pharmacist will have the more stronger position, then GP. It is a question of responsibility for the adverse reactions of concrete drugs in the new situation. We find it as a problem, the GP has no information about concrete medication of his patient. We think, the GP know the patient and the drug, the pharmacist know the drugs only.
3. On the health insurance market running the concentration of health insurance providers. From 14 health insurance funds in 1999, to 6 in 2006, and 3 only in 2009. This concentration is the bad news for health care providers for trends to monopolisation on the health insurance market.
4. We are working for preparation for new ways for the risk-contracts to health insurance funds, i.g. IPA or ACO.

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