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The new Hungarian Government published for debate the so called Semmelweis Health Care Plan. Nov 30 is the deadline of the public debate.

One chapter focuses on the primary health care which is considered one of the key elements of the health care system. The objective is to improve definitive care and preventive activities performed by GPs and GP pediatricians.

The chapter on primary health care contains the following bullet points:

- to reimburse the costs of the amortization of the instruments and provide resources for new investments. To show transparency of the financial contribution by insurance fund and local authorities;
- to create a Practice Fund, which would buy out the family doctor wish to retire and provide subsidized loans for young family doctors ready to start a practice;
- to introduce a special allowance to accumulate fund to provide financial support for family doctors during retirement and sickness
- to incentives cooperation of family doctors in group practices; this would allow enlargement of service package (for ex. dietician, physiotherapist)
- to create opportunity for integration of other competences and services into PHC, for example through the family doctors having other specializations too.
- to enforce the gate-keeping role of the GPs; they would get the information about all the services provided to their patients by an integrated information system;
- to improve quality of the vocational training;
- to improve the image of the family doctors and provide a career perspective for the young ones in order to make the profession more attractive;
- to decrease the taxes on the income out of reimbursement and to define the rates of the services not included in the insurance scheme;
- to introduce extra payments on performance. The P4P is already underway at this moment upon measuring the performance by 11-12 clinical, mostly achievement and some real quality indicators;
- the ministry is engaged to find the way to develop better awareness of the population regarding participation at screening activities.