

The system of valuation of medical services in Austria

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1. Self-employed doctors' fees

Self-employed doctors under contract with health insurance fund:

- Direct settlement of fees between doctor and insurance fund
- Collective agreement between Province Medical Chamber (or Austrian Medical Chamber) and health insurance fund („Gesamtvertrag“)
- Collective agreement includes catalogue of services and doctor's fees („Honorarordnung“)

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- Inclusion of new services negotiated between Medical Chamber and health insurance fund
- Contracts between health insurance fund and individual doctor on the basis of the collective agreement
- Catalogue of medical services and doctors' fees predefined in collective agreement and incorporated in individual contracts
- Individual-service remuneration („Einzelleistungsvergütung“)

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- Case value („Fallwert“):
- Tool to express average amount of fees earned by self-employed doctors for treatment of patients
- Average sum of fees spent by the health insurance fund on one patient within a particular time period (quarter of a year or 1 month)

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- Average case values for patient treated by GP (data from 2015)

GKK (regional health insurance fund)	€ 50,38
BVA (Austrian Insurance Fund for Civil or Public Servants)	€ 40,10
SVA (Social Insurance Authority for Business)	€ 36,81

(Figures calculated per quarter of a year for GKK and SVA, per month for BVA.)

2. Patient Costs in the hospital sector

- Patient costs in publicly financed hospitals calculated according to DRG („diagnosis-related groups“) system
- In German: LKF („leistungsorientierte Krankenanstaltenfinanzierung“)
- Costs not simply based on number of days spent in hospital but according to complex points system

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- Points depending in particular on classification of disease according to predefined catalogue
- Other factors: e.g. age of patient, number of days of hospitalisation
- Amount of points earned by hospitals = basis for amount of public funding by federal state, federal provinces, municipalities, social insurance institutions

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- Austrian Medical Chamber represented in Federal Health Commission dealing with maintenance and further development of DRG model

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