Is fee-for-service the best payment mechanism for one-day surgery care?

Innovative approach based on adjusted DRG system.

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- Population: 5,432 mil.
- Hospitalizations: 0,8 mil.
- Health insurance: 7,5 bil.
- Average age of GP’s: 57 y.
- Doctor consultations per inhabitant: 11 consultations
Figure 9. Health spending in Slovakia is among the lowest in the EU both per capita and as a share of GDP

Note: The EU average is weighted.
Source: OECD Health Statistics 2023 (data refer to 2021, except Malta (2020)).
Payment mechanisms – AS-IS Slovakia

- Capitation payment
- Fee for service
- Budgets + DRG system / per diem
- DRG contracts
One-day surgery care – effects of the payment mechanism

The average difference between reimbursements per medical procedure, 2022: (reimbursement to hospitals - reimbursement to one-day health care providers) / reimbursement to hospitals

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DRG system brings innovative, transparent and fair pricing of one-day healthcare services
How will we include one-day surgery care into the SK-DRG system?

The decision-making of reimbursement method - outpatient or inpatient reimbursement through SOFTWARE.

The software = grouper will categorize medical procedures in combination with diagnoses according to the level of complexity.
Medical contraindication to cataracta surgery? 
C69.8 Malignant neoplasm: Overlapping lesion of eye and adnexa

Algorithm of software = grouper

aDRG C20

cataracta surgery

YES

DRG group C20B

cataract surgery hospitalisation

NO

DRG group C20J

one-day procedure
How will we include one-day surgery care into the SK-DRG system?

Reimbursement will be based on a modeled DRG system specifically tailored for outpatient healthcare, including:

- DRG groups for one-day surgery medical procedures
- cost weights
- annually valorized base rates
- other DRG elements
The new concept is planning to finance the entire one-day surgery care through a new reimbursement mechanism from 2025.

This innovative approach diverges from the well-established principles governing the financing of one-day surgery care.
Appreciate your attention - Thank you!

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