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UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE





All citizens residing in Türkiye

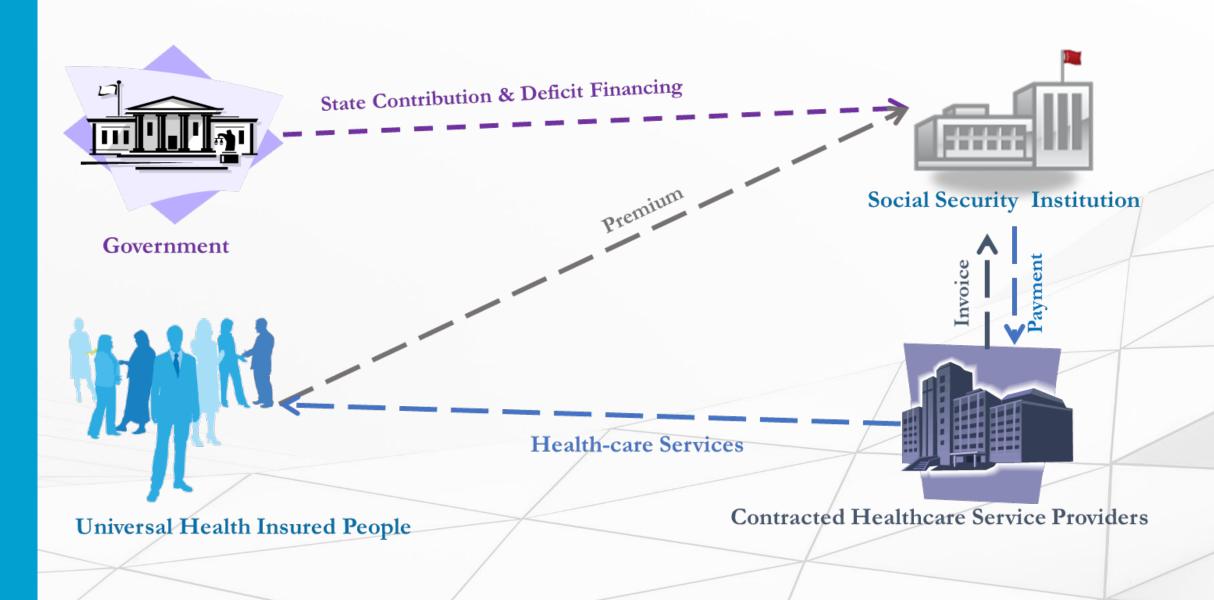
99% of the population

Exemptions

Members of Parliament, Constitutional Court, High Judiciary High Ranking Army Officials Bank Funds Prisoners

SYSTEM OVERVIEW





HEALTHCARE FINANCING



Diagnosis and treatment services

Pharmaceuticals

Medical devices

Daily allowances, transportation and companion expenses

Treatment abroad

HEALTHCARE FINANCING





Prices determined by Healthcare Services Pricing Commission (HSPC)



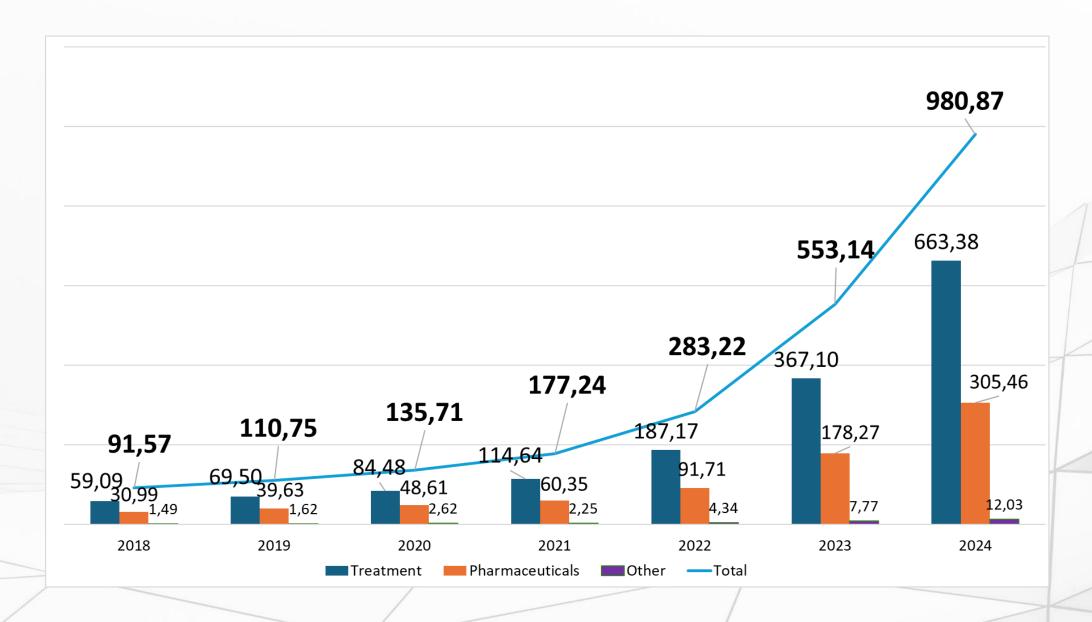
Regulations via
Healthcare
Implementation
Communique (HIC)



Contracts made between Healthcare Service Providers and SGK

HEALTHCARE EXPENDITURES









- Financial sustainability
- Access to quality and innovative healthcare services

- Increasing health expenditures
- Unforeseen expenses
- High technology-high priced products
- Overuse of healthcare services
- Overburdened healthcare service providers

EFFECTIVE DECISION MAKING PROCESS



- ➤ Multi-Stakeholder Process
- > Review of rules and criteria of reimbursement lists
 - Treatment
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - Medical Devices
- Monitoring and Evaluation

ALTERNATIVE REIMBURSEMENT METHODS



Alternative Reimbursement Application by firms Evaluation of applications by Alternative Reimbursement Commission Approval by Health Care Service Pricing Commission Publication of HIC (Healthcare Implementation Communique) **Publication of the Reimbursement List** Pharmacies, Turkish Association of Pharmacists (TEB) or Hospitals Supply Chain

- reimbursement rules; this process has been designated to implement financial or performance based risk sharing agreements for high budget products.
- ➤ Unlicensed products can also be evaluated.

DIRECT MEDICINE SUPPLY FROM ABROAD



- Establishing a Health Social Security Center for Named Patient Supply
- Medicine procuring processes from abroad
- ➤ Distribution of medicines







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