

Country Report Belgium

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1. Third paying

Definition: the patient pay only the moderator ticket: it is the difference between official fee and insurance repayment.

Until now it is not mandatory and the doctors himself decides if he does that, regarding the need of the patient.

The minister of health, urged by the sick-funds who are all politic oriented, will made the third paying mandatory for patients with increased help and for chronic diseases (800.000).

We are afraid that these modifications produce abuse of use of medical acts with irresponsibility of the patient and explosion of expenses.

2. Numerus clausus

There is an excess of students in medicine, but less in Flemish region than in Walloon region.

Indeed in Flemish region is a filter on the beginning of medical education, when in the Walloon region this filter has been intermittent whether after three years or after one year...

It contrasts with the fact that certain parts of medicine are lack of doctors like geriatric, general internal medicine and for few regions general practice.

These discipline are less attractive for students, for example general practice is more laborious in few regions and to be on guard on night or week-end is more frequently because less of doctors.

Therefore, the best could be a slipping of this surplus to the deficient services on the condition that government makes them more attractive.

Our professional organization wish for the maintain of the numerous clauses because:

*the number of medical tutors or teachers is not extensible

*the quality of the formation imposes that the candidate receives a clinic teaching of excellence

*an excessive number of doctors is able to

- decrease the income
- multiply medical acts to counterbalance
- fall of practice lead to fall of expertness.

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