

"Every Serbian citizen should have a personally chosen doctor and they should know that doctor's name. That's the way of building more trust in the health system. Capitation represents a formula to change the way of financing because it's understood that there are possibilities to motivate doctors and nurses in Dom Zdravlja (DZ) to work more with preventive healthcare as planned for by the DZ.

Capitation is not on its own a goal. It is when you pay the DZ not on the basis of how big it is – how many square meters it has or how many employees there are - but on the basis of how many citizens/patients opt for treatment in that DZ.

Primary healthcare and its role in the health system is vital because it is the place where 70 per cent of everything important for the health protection of our citizens is taking place.

Each of us has the right to be invited by the DZ between the ages of 12 and 35 and once in every five years, as healthy person to undergo systematic treatment and to be introduced to risk factors of behaviour.

Each of us should be invited once every second year before we are 50, while after 65 years the doctor must come and visit his patient at home once a year regardless of the patient's condition.

That's the way in which we can reduce the increase among citizens of diabetes and blood pressure inaccuracies and that's the way to prevent the most serious of diseases. When we have the results from national screening projects, then we get preventive activities in real terms".

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