

STRATEGY HEALTH SUMMIT 2020

Mavrovo, 22-23 December 2006

SUMMARY OF DIRECTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

1. Health Summit has provided Strategy framework for where we stand as a country and in what direction we plan to develop our health sector until 2020. The framework covers the following characteristics:
 - Real vision for the health system;
 - Focus towards health as social and individual good of the society;
 - Following the principle of solidarity in the health system based on the value models from the modern health systems in Europe;
2. Health sector is a complex system that at the same time works on:
 - i. Maintaining and improving population's health through prevention of diseases and health promotion for all citizens;
 - ii. Good health care, treatment and rehabilitation;
 - iii. Investment in modern technology necessary for creating modern health care system;
 - iv. Employment of healthy and vital work force in the country and positive source of national economic vitality;
 - v. Open collaboration between public and private sector with a tendency to introduce contemporary and proved innovative methods in health care provision;
3. The summit popularized the need of changing the name of Ministry of Health Care in **"Ministry of Health"** thus the work orientation will not be only towards health system, but towards summary of inter-sector activities aiming to sustain and improve health for all citizens.
4. Our strategy framework for 2020 should be updated, upgraded version of the previous Strategy 2015. There will be newer data and will reflect new ideas for strong Health Insurance Fund, for strengthened modern management of the health care providers and strong support of the complete implementation of public health programs.
5. The summit emphasized the new role of the Ministry of Health Care/Health that will work on building new leadership culture through:
 - Transparency in planning and reporting the performances towards the public, health care providers and the employed;
 - Easier access to the elements in and about the health system;
 - Bigger responsibility through continuous monitoring and reporting of:
 - i. Patient satisfaction from the provided health care according to institutions;
 - ii. Public opinion of health, lifestyle and health care;
 - iii. Employed and doctors' satisfaction;
 - iv. Publishing the Patients' Rights Law;
 - v. Ombudsman office for patients' rights;
 - vi. Clear and understandable organization structure of all elements in the system;
 - vii. Publishing Ethical Code of Conduct for all health care service providers and HIF;

6. The Summit emphasized the reform plans and attracting investments in order to optimize our efforts to achieve international standards defined in the strategy by World Health Organization “Health for All in the 21 Century”.
7. Ministry of Health Care/Health will be strong and effective effort-maker for establishing sustainable health care system in order to achieve continuity of the performance and its improvement:
 - Efficient HIF with maximum percent of collecting the health contributions or other basis of contribution, efficiency and control in collecting the health contributions defined by law for all employed;
 - Full collaboration with the new joint office for pension, health and social fund for big and small companies or obligors;
 - Additional researches for the effects of increasing the revenues and decreasing the expenditures for health services through increasing the tobacco, alcohol and fuel tax, in order to support the development of modern health care, investments and conducting of public health care programs;
 - Maximum engagement for timely and full allocation of resources from the Ministry of Finance for HIF, in order to increase the revenue of resources before the payment of the health care service providers;
 - Bringing a decision co-payment in the primary health care and hospitals for the provided health care to be collected and kept by the health care providers. In this way health care providers will have greater interest to collect the co-payment from the patients. (This revenue will be taxed)
8. Health Summit was emphasized the need of strengthening inter-sectoral collaboration among all ministries, especially with the Ministry of Finance, Education, Labor and Social Policy, Justice and the Units of local self-government.
9. Organization of health care has the need of modern management by developing and implementing quality business plans through common medical and economical leadership teams;
10. Efficient management of the modern health sector needs modern computers in order to establish integrated health care system between HIF and health service providers.
11. Economy of the Republic of Macedonia is still under development. Thus we try to increase the revenues and technical assistance from other countries, and especially EU, World Bank and World Health Organization. Ministry of Health needs to coordinate and control these donors.
12. Health sector needs strengthening of human resources capacity. Ministry will make efforts for modern education, licensing and accreditation of doctors, medical nurses and other health care providers in order to achieve the standards of human resources in the EU countries.
13. Economy of health care should support those facilities and technologies necessary for good health care. Realization of Medical Map Project will initiate legal introduction of **CERTIFICATE OF NEED** for all further changes in the infrastructure and technology in the health sector.
14. The HIF will be essential tool for Macedonia to enhance health care for people in its role as **STRATEGIC PURCHASER** via modern and transparent contracting process with the health care providers. Old will be reviewed and

up to date payments mechanisms will be implemented through defining the type and scope of services and development of new Macedonian version of DRG.

15. In this context the Summit supports the innovations taken by the Ministry of Health and HIF as well as the reform measures planned for the next year.
16. On the revenue side increase the Summit developed additional ideas for strengthening the revenues in the health system at the level of HIF, health care providers and public health regulation.
17. On the expenditure side the Summit has emphasized the need of further measures to be reviewed as:
 - Revision of Basic Benefit Package;
 - Defining the financial benefits during sick leave;
 - Improved utility of available funds at the level of health care institutions through strengthened budget control;
 - Defining the structure of health system that includes clear definition between the purchaser and service providers;
18. The Summit emphasized the benefit of such meetings and it was suggested in the future to organize thematic meetings focused on certain problems in order to come to more concrete conclusions and plans for their realization.
19. The Summit emphasized the need of discussing the possibilities of Public Private Partnership regulation in order to attract fresh capital in the health care system, intended for quality improvement of health care services.
20. Health Summit encourages all institutions, elements and individuals to approach the realization of above-mentioned conclusions according to their institutional obligations and responsibilities in order to provide sure efficient and righteous health care system for all citizens of the Republic of Macedonia.

