

Methodological remarks, concepts, definitions

Infant care allowance and child-care fee

Source of data: - OSAP (National Statistical Survey Programme):

- No. 1514 Report: „*Months Health Insurance Statistical Survey*”;
- No. 2396. Report “Report of data pertain to beneficiaries of Infant Care Allowance;
- No. 1914 Report: „*Report on the beneficiaries of child-care fee*”, - regular data service on the social security payment agencies;
- Data of the health insurance departments of the county and the capital government offices.

Persons entitled to infant care allowance: it is itemized by the Act LXXXIII of 1997 on the benefits of the compulsory health insurance in section 40, subsection 1.

The infant care allowance is the 70% of the daily average earnings.

Monthly gross amounts of infant care allowance: computed data, data of part of month computed to whole month.

Number of beneficiaries: number of those insurees, who receive benefit for at least one day during the given month. From 2014 the method of calculating number of beneficiaries is changed in tables 4.3.2-4.3.2.1.

Child-care fee: health insurance benefit in cash, of which expenses fully financed to 2007, in 2008 financed 50% under account obligation by the central budget, from 2009 expenses fully financed by the HIF. Child-care fee – based on insurance entitlement – was from 1 March 1985 to 14 April 1998, then reintroduced on 1 January 2000. The data of 2000-2005 refer to July; the data from 2006 based on monthly average.

Persons entitled to child-care fee: it is itemized by the Act LXXXIII of 1997 on the benefits of the compulsory health insurance in section 42/A, subsection 1.

Its amount represents 70% of the average wage per calendar day (used as basis of sick-pay calculation), but monthly amount shall not exceed that monthly maximum amount which is determined by the law. Till 2006 the monthly maximum amount of child-care fee shall not exceed 70% of the doubled amount of minimum wage per month;

- 102 900 HUF in 2010;
- 147 000 HUF in 2015;
- 178 500 HUF in 2017;
- 193 200 HUF in 2018.

Monthly gross amounts of child-care fee: computed data, data of part of month computed to whole month.