

Insuring against high medical risks from an international historical and social political perspective



Symposium on the historical and social political problems of financing long term care, elderly care and care for the disabled

26 and 27 October 2012
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Maastricht, the Netherlands



The Centre for the History of Health Insurance (VU university medical center, Amsterdam) and the Department of Health, Ethics and Society of Maastricht University will host the symposium *Insuring against high medical risks from an international historical and social political perspective*.

Financing long term care, elderly care and care for the disabled is one of the greatest social and medical problems of modern welfare states. Both in the EU and the US efforts are made to provide coverage for these so called 'high' or 'exceptional medical risks' through public and private (social) insurance schemes.



The problems regarding the insurance of these forms of care are well known and seem to be similar throughout the Western world. But the way the insurance schemes and financial arrangements that provided coverage evolved, differed in each country.

This development depended on the existing system of social health insurance, the level of health care provision and the outcome of social and political debates. The current debate on the insurance of high medical risks would therefore benefit from a broader international, historical and political comparative perspective.

The symposium will be held on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 October 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Maastricht, the Netherlands.

Program

On 26 and 27 October 2012 various specialists will present papers on the development of the insurance of high medical risks in past and present in the EU and the US.

- Prof.dr. K. Horstman, Health, Ethics and Society; School Public Health and Primary Care (CAPHRI), Maastricht University, Maastricht; the Netherlands: keynote speaker
- Dr. K.P. Comanje, Centre for the History of Health Insurance; VU university medical center, Amsterdam; the Netherlands: *Financing high medical risks in the Netherlands: health care, social insurance and political compromises*
- Dr. S.O. Daatland, NOVA - Norwegian Social Research; Norway: *Population ageing and long-term care: Norwegian responses and dilemmas*
- Ms. D.C. Dennett, Executive Vice President Global Issues America's Health Insurance Plans; US: *Insuring against high medical risks: A perspective from the US experience*
- Mr. J. Draijer, former Counselor for Health, Welfare and Sport at the Netherlands Permanent Representation to the EU; currently Senior Policy Advisor External Cooperation at the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, University of Maastricht: *Health care in Europe: who cares?*
- Prof.dr. M.E. Joel, Laboratoire d'Economie et de Gestion des Organisations de Santé (LEGOS), Université Paris Dauphine; France: *Risk coverage dependence in France: a recent history*
- Prof.dr. A. Österle, Institut für Sozialpolitik, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien; Austria: *Long-term Care Between Health and Social Care in Austria: Challenges, Developments and Perspectives*
- Prof.dr. H. Rothgang, Zentrum für Sozialpolitik, Universität Bremen, and Dr. R. Götze, Sonderforschungsbereich 597 Universität Bremen; Germany: *Fiscal and Social Policy: Financing Long-term Care in Germany*
- Drs. A.A.M. Spoor, Group Strategy Achmea, the Netherlands; *Health, pensions and housing wealth. Towards a multi-pillar approach of health care finance*

The symposium will close with a debate between the participants and politicians, policymakers, health insurers and care providers about the question what we, today, can learn from comparing the various ways in which countries have tackled the insurance of high medical risks.

Time and place

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Participation

The participation fee is € 200 including welcome reception, lunches, coffee and tea.

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