

President Signs Healthcare Reform Law

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(Kyiv, Ukraine) - December 29th, 2017, President Petro Poroshenko signed the healthcare law #6327, which is the primary document managing the reform. A day earlier, the Ukrainian Government approved regulations for the establishment of the National Health Service of Ukraine (NHS). Now it's official and Ukraine has launched healthcare reform to bring the country's system up to international standards. The new law was passed by Parliament on October 19, 2017, and provides for an improved, state healthcare financing model which fights corruption, and provides safe, stable, and guaranteed health care to all citizens. As early as next week, healthcare facilities and local authorities across the country will begin preparations for implementing the first stage of the reform, which is the transformation of primary healthcare. Health reform will be implemented at the level of specialized care (specialist doctors) in 2019, and improvements in the tertiary care system (in-patient hospital care) are scheduled for 2020. On a practical level, a new, state provided, medical insurance system will become effective in Ukraine in 2018. All healthcare services, medicines, medical treatments, and examinations covered by the new medical insurance program will be paid by state insurance. All citizens will have free access to the full list of these services. "Some People's Deputies insist that this is not a 'real' insurance, and for Ukrainians, the new system will not be any different from the existing health insurance model. However, the new system allows citizens to know exactly what health services were covered by the state and what amount was paid. Can you ask for quality healthcare at any medical facility in Ukraine today? Well, when health services are covered, you will be able to demand quality care. This system works in Scandinavia, Great Britain, Canada, and Spain. Our key objective is to implement a successful health reform. But achieving this goal will engage all of us. Each and every one of us shall do everything to help implement health reform in 2018" stated Dr. Ulana Suprun, the acting Minister of Health of Ukraine. [http://mailchi.mp/0c0ba69a6f29/presid ... gns-healthcare-reform-law] Text and photo courtesy Ukraine Ministry of Health