

CONVENTION A

Risk in Private Healthcare in Italy

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Agenda



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- 1. Italian public health system (SSN)
- 2. Demographic and social dynamics in progress
- 3. Private supplementary collective healthcare
- 4. Actuary's role and the next challenges

Italian Public Health System

Article 32 of Italian Constitution



The Republic protects **health** as a fundamental right of the individual and the interest of the community, and guarantees free medical care to the indigent. Nobody can be obliged to a specific health treatment except by law. The law cannot in any case violate the limits imposed by respect for the human person.

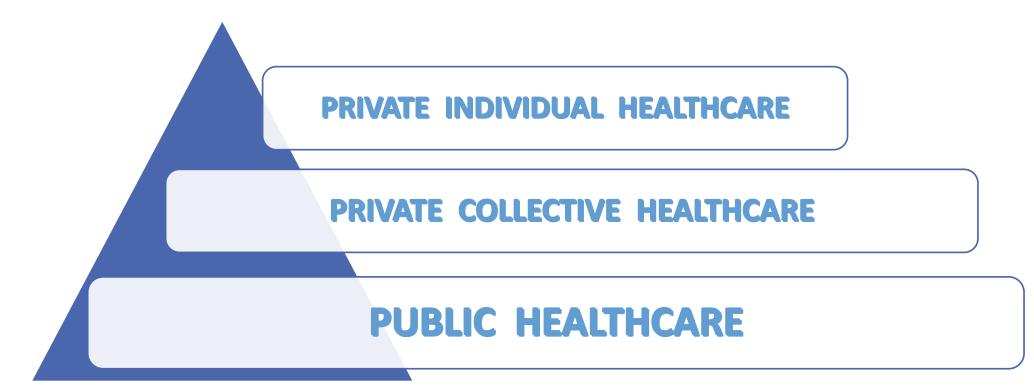
Italy was the first in Europe to recognize the right to health in its Constitution (1948)

Law N. 833/1978

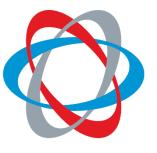
INSTITUTION OF SERVIZIO SANITARIO NAZIONALE (SSN)

Italian Healthcare

Healthcare in Italy is carried out through a "three pillar" system (similar to social security system)







Italian Public Health System (SSN)

The three fundamental principles on which SSN is based are:





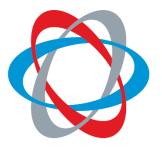
Health is understood as an individual good but above all as a community resource

Equality

Citizens must be able to access SSN's services without any distinction of individual, social and economic conditions

Equity

All citizens must be guaranteed equal access to benefits in relation to equal health needs



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Public healthcare expenditure in Italy

billion €										
ITEM OF EXPENDITURE		YEAR 2012	YEAR 2014	YEAR 2016	YEAR 2018	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020			
HEALTH		110.4	111.0	112.5	115.4	115.4	123.5			
	% of GDP	6.8%	6.8%	6.6%	6.5%	6.5%	7.5%			
LTC (1)		14	18	20	21	23	24			
	% of GDP	0.9%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%			

(1) Welfare expenses for pensions and social allowances, disability and attendance allowance, war pensions

Source: "The balance sheet of the Italian Social Security System" - Report n.9 Year 2022 of Itinerari Previdenziali



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Private healthcare expenditure in Italy

billion €										
YEARS	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
ITEM OF EXPENDITURE	Private expenditure 2014-2019					Private expenditure	% of GDP	% of public expenditure	% private expenditure	
Health OOP ⁽¹⁾	30.0	32.3	32.1	36.0	40.1	40.2	40.3	2.4%	4.3%	49.1%
Assistance LTC ⁽²⁾	9.3	8.9	8.9	10.7	34.0	34.0	33.4	2.0%	3.5%	40.7%
Collective mediated healthcare ⁽³⁾	4.1	4.3	3.7	4.9	4.9	5.2	5.1	0.3%	0.6%	6.3%
Individual mediated										
healthcare	2.5	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	0.2%	0.3%	3.9%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	45.9	48.5	47.7	54.7	82.1	82.6	82.0	4.9%	8.7%	100.0%

(1) Direct families' expenditure (Out Of Pocket)

(2) Since 2018, the data estimation model has been modified

(3) Spending mediated by private health funds

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Demographic and social dynamics in progress

Lengthening of the average life

Increased demand for long-term benefits (LTC)

Reduction of birth rates

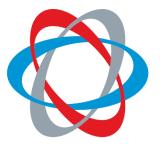
• Aging of the population

Increase in the percentage of single-member families

• Radical transformation of the "family" and social changes starting from the 1960s

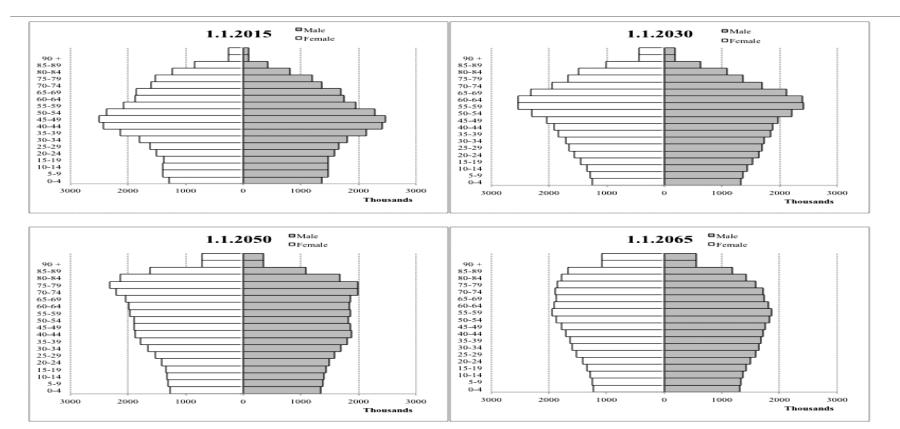
Increase in the employment rate of women and territorial mobility of young people looking for work

• Decrease in informal care provided within families



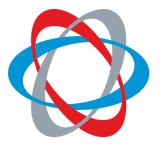
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The aging of Italian population



From an age structure of the Italian population to "amphora" first (due to the progressive aging of the baby boom generations) and then "rectangular", we move in the medium and long term future to an "inverted pyramid", in view of a further and progressive imbalance in favor of the older age groups

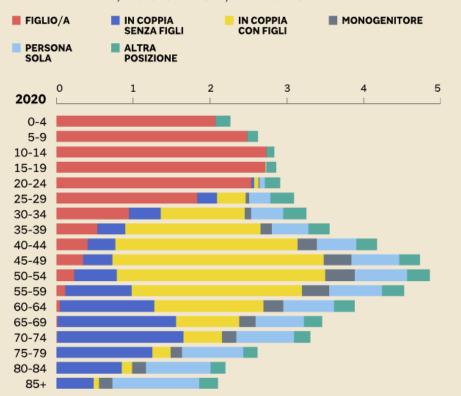
The aging of Italian population 2065 2021 Middle age: 49.7 years Middle age: 46.2 years Life Expectancy M: 80.1 years Life Expectancy M: 86.6 years Life Expectancy F: 84.7 years Life Expectancy F: 91.5 years Elderly dependency index(*): 33.7 Elderly dependency index(*): 59.7 Everage n. children x woman: 1.25 Everage n. children x woman: 1.25 (*) age x>= 65/age 14<x<65 Source: ISTAT Annual report 2022

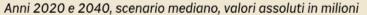


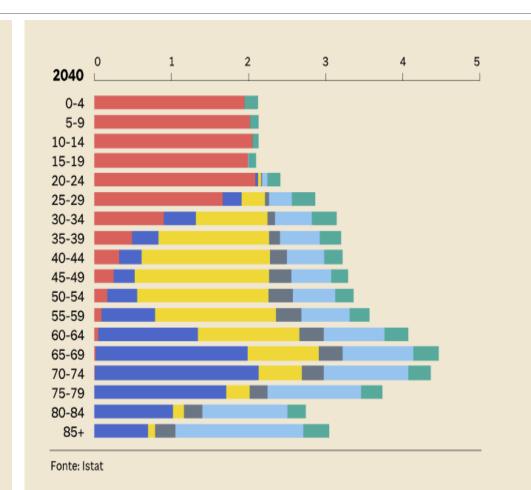
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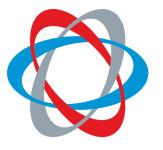
The transformation of the "family"

POPOLAZIONE PER POSIZIONE FAMILIARE









Social and demographic changes

Demographic dynamics

- progressive aging of population:
 - lengthening of the average life
 - reduction of birth rates





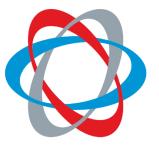
- increasing % single-member families
- increasing employment rate of women
- territorial mobility of young people looking for work



Increased demand for long-term social and health care benefits

Decrease in informal care provided within families

All these factors contribute to increasing the demand for health care: despite the existence of a mature national healthcare system, as a result of the policies to reduce health expenditure, the aging of the population and socio-demographic changes, Italian private spending is high, but often not linked to a private health insurance system, which in Italy is not yet mature.



II PILLAR: private supplementary collective healthcare

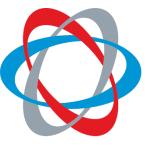
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II PILLAR



Concerns the services intermediated by the supplementary healthcare private Funds registered in the Registry held by the Ministry of Health and supervised by it.

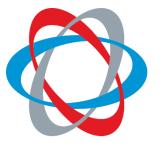
This system operates in the absence of an organic regulatory framework and also for this reason the realities existing in Italy are very varied.



II PILLAR: private supplementary collective healthcare

FORMS OF ASSISTANCE

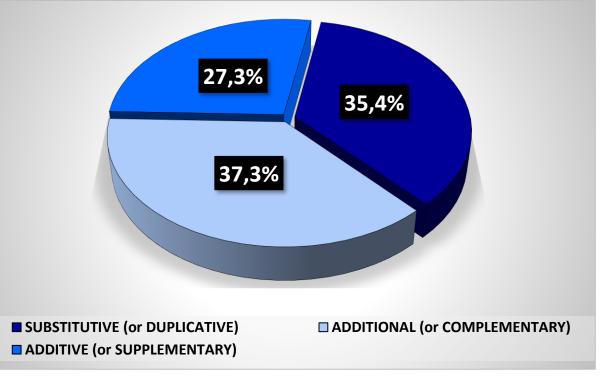
- ADDITIONAL (or complementary): relate to benefits not contemplated or not included in public coverage (for example, those excluded by Lea).
- ADDITIVE (or supplementary): ensure the coverage gaps of public insurance (for example, tickets and paid rooms). In this case, the service (diagnostic assessment or hospitalization, surgery) is part of the public coverage, but there is a residual cost (ticket) or expense for the accompanying or ancillary services compared to the public service (public hospitalization but paid room) which remains the responsibility of the user.
- **SUBSTITUTIVE (or duplicative)**: they guarantee private benefits that replace public insurance. The private system need not be perfectly duplicative; in fact, it can only concern part of the services.

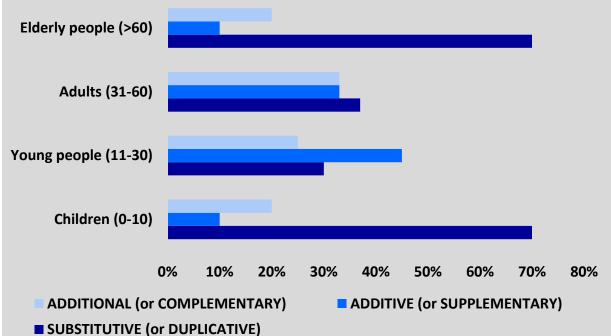


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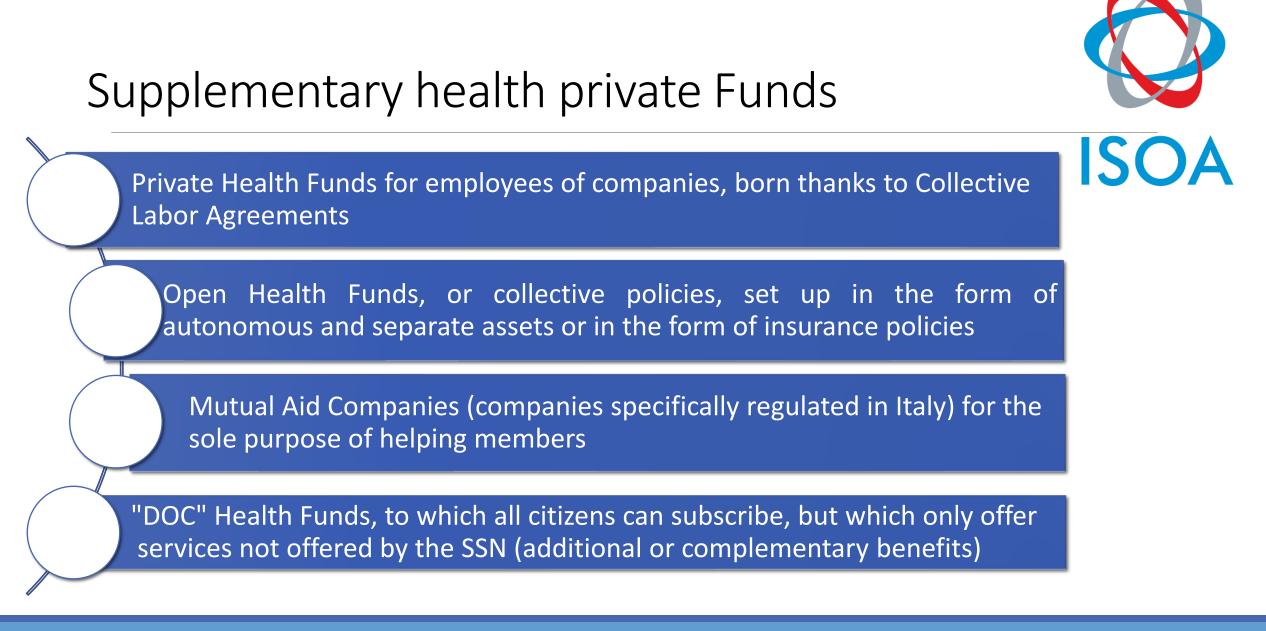
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PRIVATE HEALTH EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTION





Source: IX Rapporto RBM Salute-CENSIS 2019-2020

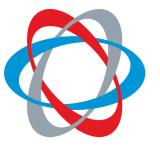




Supplementary health private Funds

The development of II Pillar is also due to:

- **deductibility of the premium paid** (in compliance with the legal constraint of 20% of tied services in dentistry, non self-sufficiency, social health benefits and health services of social relevance)
- economic benefits: the supplementary health Funds are based on mutuality and often also on solidarity between members therefore, with the same benefits, the contribution is considerably lower than the third pillar policies
- other advantages: the supplementary health Funds are non-profit, a feature that allows these structures to favor members by abolishing forms of selection based on age, sex and health risks, with contributions that often are not subject to commercial uploads



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Management models

SELF-INSURED FUNDS

They ensure their own health coverage: the risk is managed directly and entirely by the Fund

INSURED / CONVENTIONED FUNDS

They totally transfer the health risk to external subjects (insurance companies, mutual aid companies, other funds) to which part of the contributions net of expenses is transferred

MIXED FUNDS

They directly manage part of the health risks and transfer the remainder to external parties (insurance companies, mutual aid companies, other funds)

Self-insured model

Self-insured Funds have to:

- manage health risk
- structure a capillary monitoring of all risks to ensure sustainability
- quantify liabilities (importance of technical-actuarial valuations)
- translate the "strategic" objective into a financial objective
- identify the strategic asset allocation
- choose between direct or delegated management of resources

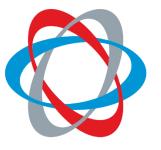


Insured model

Insured Funds have to:

- provide for the selection of the insurance partner
- punctually define the contents of the insurance agreement
- identify the profit sharing mechanisms and the technical parameters of the agreement
- evaluate the insurance agreements received in response to the selection (for this purpose the support of an Actuary is appropriate)
- verify that the insurance management agreement contains exact provisions on the outsourcer obligations





The verification phase in the Self-insured Funds

Risk linked to the functioning of the model: SUSTAINABILITY

It is essential to analyze the stability from both an *ex ante* and *ex post* perspective by:

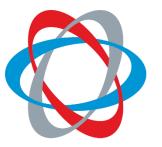
management-administrative controls

technical-actuarial controls (sustainability and pricing)

financial controls



IMPORTANCE OF DATA MANAGEMENT



The verification phase in the Insured Funds

Risk linked to the functioning of the model: OUTSOURCING

It is essential to carefully monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of the insurance agreement by:

monitoring of claims trends by amount and number

periodic monitoring through technical indicators

quality check of the service offered (administrative services and call centers)

assessment of the degree of satisfaction of members

DATA ARE MANAGED BY THE OUTSOURCER BUT THE OWNERSHIP IS OF THE FUND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ABLE TO HAVE THEM

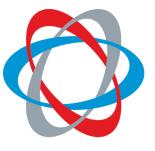
Actuary's role

In Self-insured / Mixed management

- identifies and profiles the expected community
- builds the technical hypothesis
- determines the contributions
- draws up the technical balance sheet
- determines the provisions of a technical nature
- carries out sensitivity, experience and stress tests
- evaluates the impact of regulatory or tariff changes
- calculates technical-statistical and management indicators for periodic monitoring

THE ACTUARY IS A FUNDAMENTAL AND INTEGRAL PART IN EACH MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PROCESS OF THE FUNDS





Actuary's role

In Insured management

- supports the Fund in formulation of the health plan and in choosing the Insurance Company
- provides its technical contribution in all verification activities
- prepares feasibility plans in case of transition (total or partial) from insured to self-insured management
- evaluates the impact of regulatory or tariff changes
- calculates technical-statistical and management indicators for periodic monitoring

THE SUPPORT OF THE ACTUARY IS APPROPRIATE IN EACH MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PROCESS OF THE FUNDS







Challenges for Actuary in Supplementary Health Funds

Actuarial tecnical support

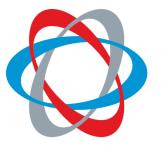
- management sustainability
- adequacy and efficiency of benefits

Governant support

- knowledge of the prospective trends of the fundamental quantities
- efficiency and effectiveness of policy decisions

In 2012 the Professional Association of Italian Actuaries has issued: "Application rules of actuarial principles and Guidelines for valuations" for Supplementary Health private Funds

THE ACTUARY HELPS TO TAKE INFORMED DECISIONS



Challenges for Actuary in Supplementary Health Funds

CRITICAL ISSUES

- 1. actuarial culture not yet satisfactory
- 2. not full awareness of the usefulness of actuarial assessments
- 3. missing database of information on healthcare at national level
- 4. great inhomogeneity in the classification of the benefits offered by the different healthcare Funds



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