

The Chilean health system financing Financiamiento del sistema de salud chileno

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Objective. To explore the Chilean health system financing based on the most recent available data.

Material and Methods. Using the WHO World Health Report 2000 framework, this paper analyzes

the Chilean health system financing, with special emphasis on insurance schemes. **Results.** The

analysis shows that a great proportion of people is covered by the existing health insurance

schemes (about 88%). However, there is a tendency towards segmentation of the population in

terms of risk and income. Additionally, efforts have been made, especially by FONASA (National

Health Fund), to perform a strategic purchasing of healthcare. **Conclusions.** There still is a need for

improving the Chilean health system financing in terms of pooling and strategic purchasing.