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Belgium report 2018

Traditional negotiations to enter into a tariff agreement for 2018 and 2019.
An agreement has been concluded for two years.
The budget for medical fees was set at €8.3 billion which implies savings for €29.5 million
Doctors over 62 years old have been exempted from the requirement of e-prescription.
Various adjustments of nomenclature, modification of rules of operation, methods of reimbursement of medical acts, etc....

A new law on hospitals should come into effect in 2020.
It will probably turn upside down the current functioning of hospitals as well for doctors as for patients!
The main axes are:

1. 25 Hospital networks for the whole country.
2. Continuous areas that do not overlap.
3. Freedom of association of hospitals to a network.
4. Each hospital MUST be part of a network and ONLY ONE..
5. At least 2 hospitals to create a network.
6. No obligation for psychiatric hospitals.
7. A university hospital has an OBLIGATION to belong to a network and ONLY ONE.
8. Large cities can have several networks in the same geographical area.
9. The network must have a legal personality

The role of physicians in the management of these networks is still in focus!
But! .......from now to 2020,........ there are still two rounds of elections!!!!!!