

The German Health Care System

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Goodbye Bismarck?

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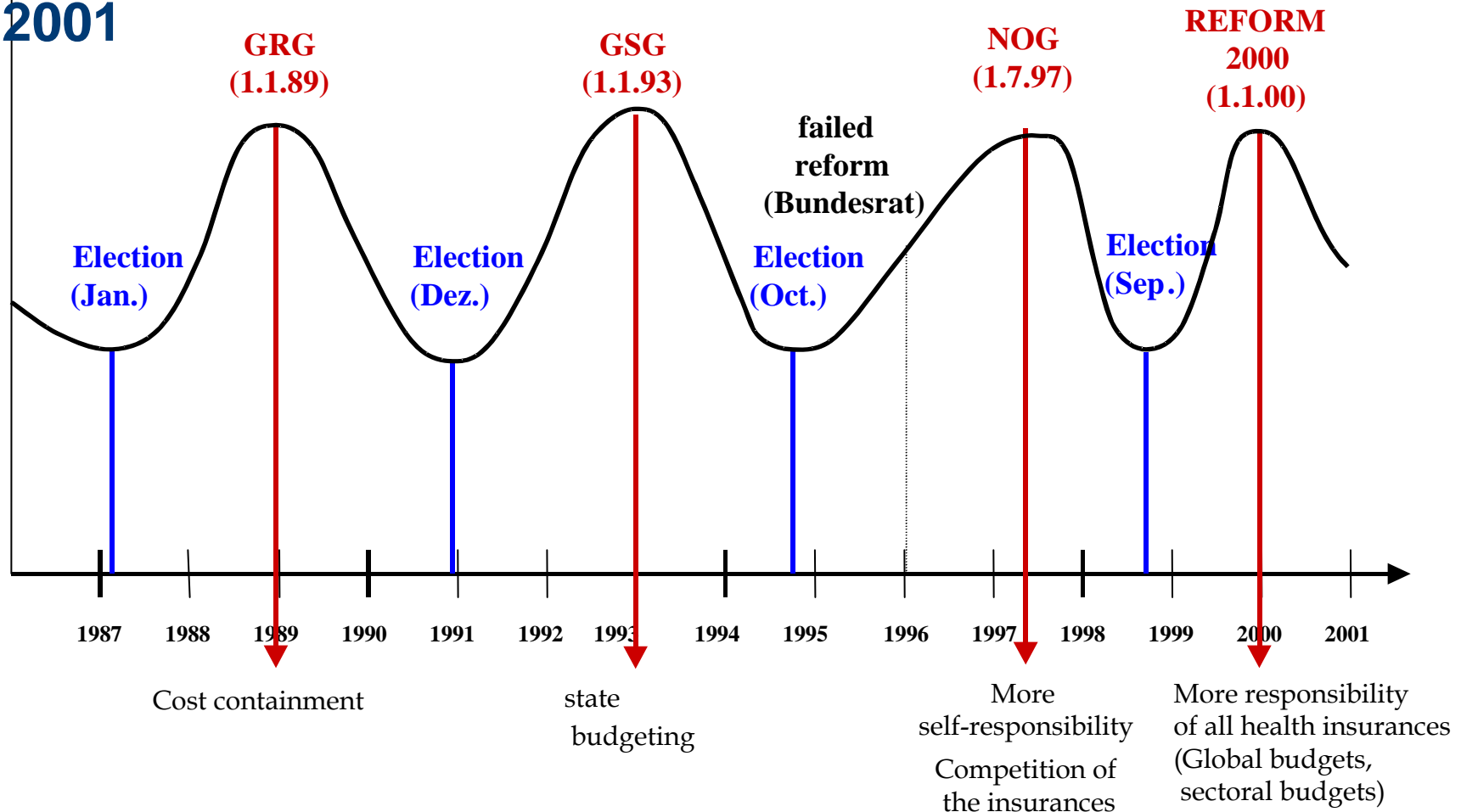
Main principles of German health care system

- Universal coverage
- Wide-range benefit package
- Free access and consumers` choice
- Pluralism and competition
- Power sharing between government and self-administration
- Decentralization



Expectation of the policy

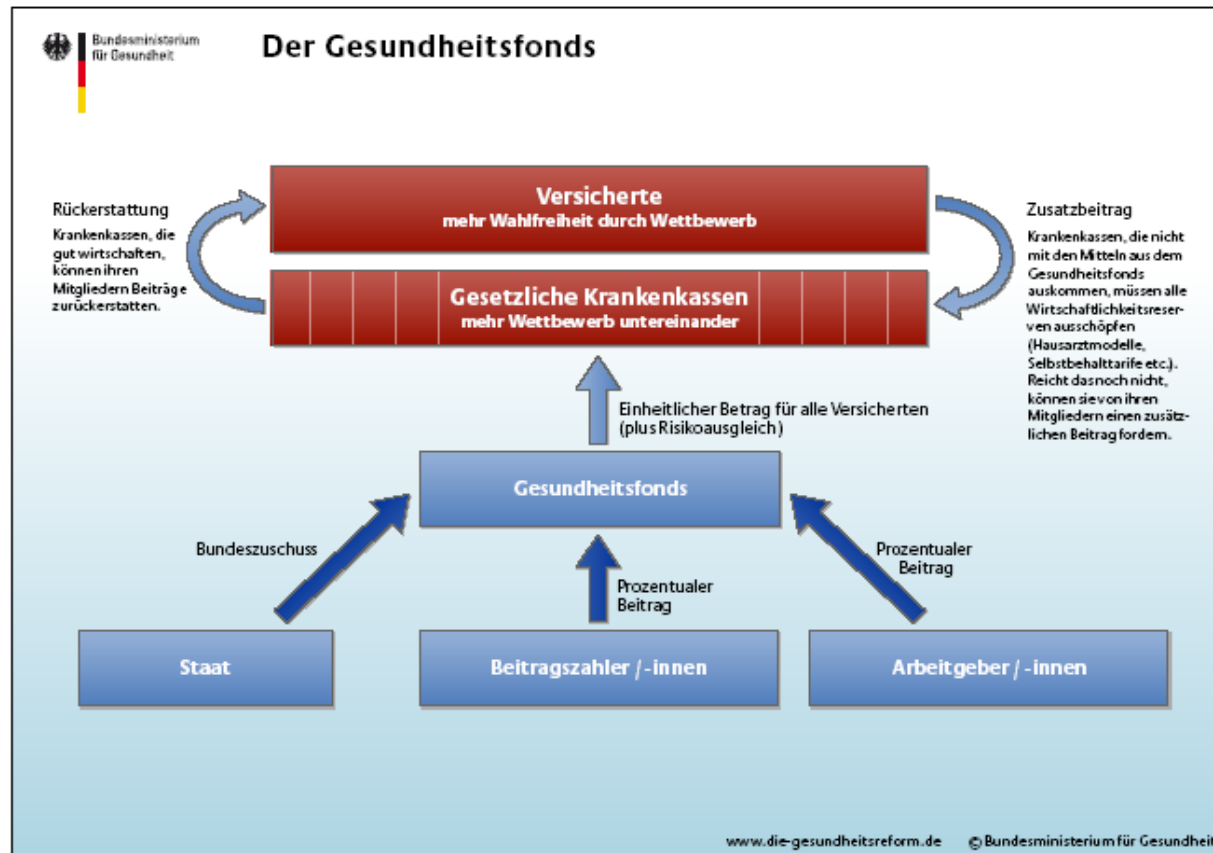
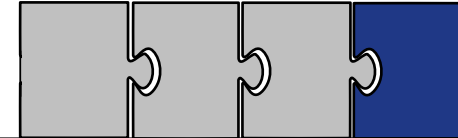
Private insurance electoral and reform cycles 1987 - 2001



Challenges of health care systems

- ⇒ Cost Containment (dependency on labor costs)
- ⇒ Regulatory Policies
- ⇒ Human Resources
- ⇒ Delivery of Care (chronic care models)
- ⇒ Demographic change

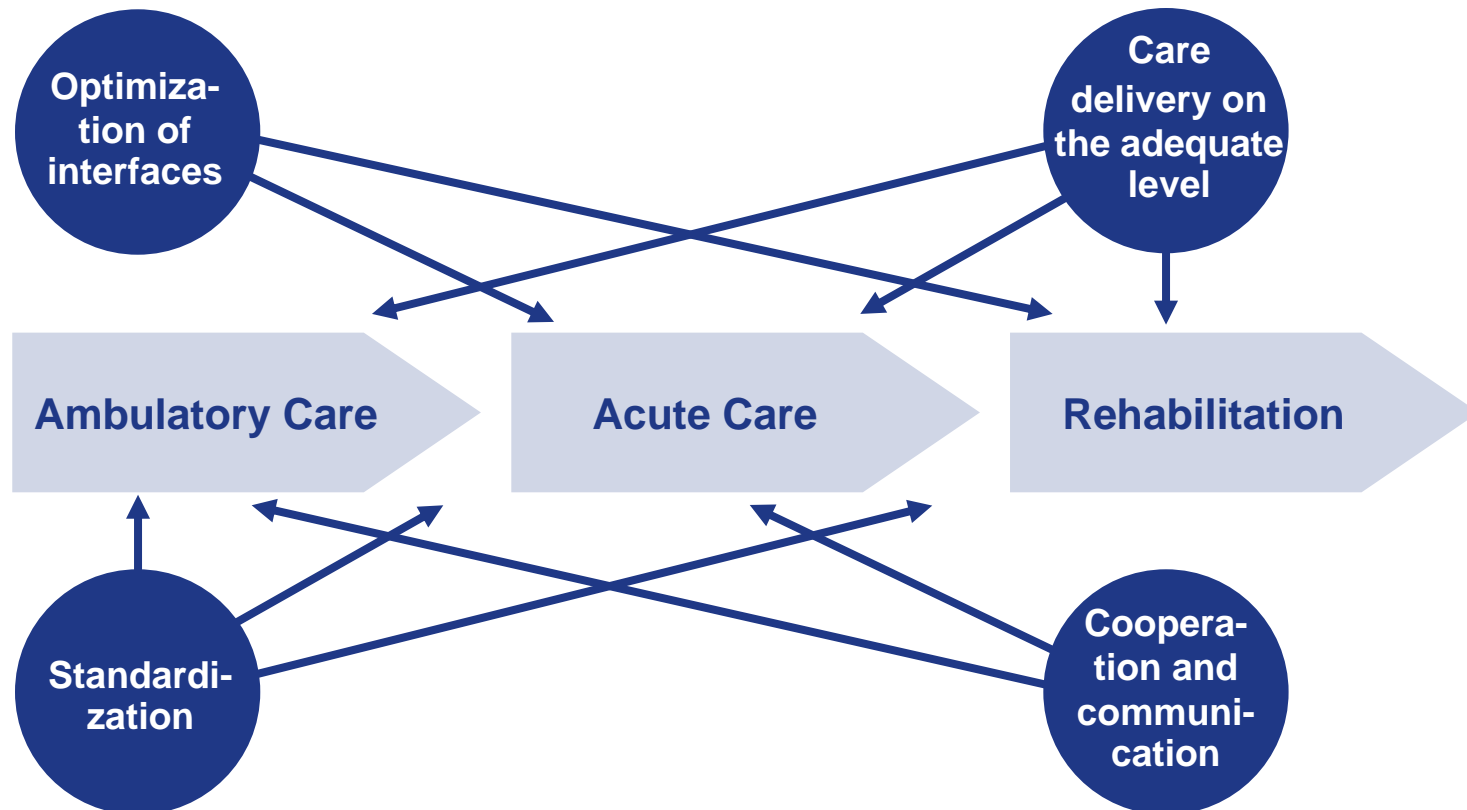
Reform of the financing base:
The health fund



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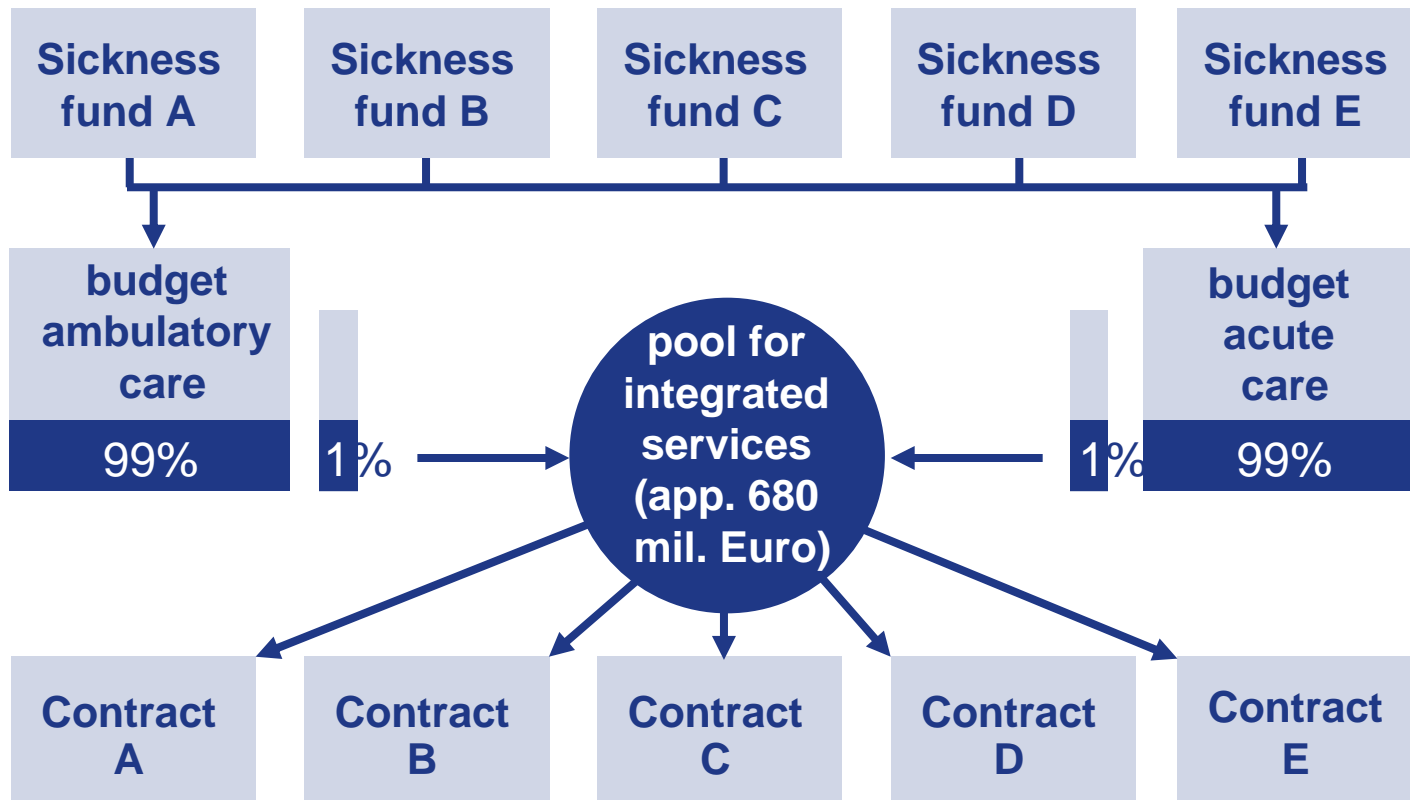


Consider deficiencies of existing systems...



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Integrated Care in Germany



Financial Benefits for GPs (basic model)

Hausarzt+

Flat Rate 1 (p. a., contact independent, 65,- €)

Flat Rate 2 (per quarter, after contact, max. 3 times p. a., 40,- €)

Flat Rate 3 (fee for chronically ill, per quarter, 25,- €) plus 5,- € per quarter for long-term care patients

Extra fees: deputy, out-of-time consultation, vaccination, cost-efficient medication P4P

Thank you very much for your attention!

Please do not hesitate to contact me in case you have further questions.

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