

# EUROPEAN HEALTHCARE FRAUD AND CORRUPTION NETWORK

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## Registration procedures - NOW

Opening of contribution payers' accounts based on the unique tax identification number (NIP) using data obtained from KEP (a database which is updated offline, on a monthly basis).

Introduction of "one-stop-shop" has limited opportunities of shady practices and reduced a number of cases where contribution payers failed to report to ZUS.

Thanks to recent introduction of an electronic business registration application (CEiDG) ZUS receives on-line information about registered new companies.

Establishment of insured persons' accounts (Polish citizens), based on their statistical identification number (PESEL), using data from PESEL register (including family name). Currently the database is updated offline on a monthly basis.

Taking advantage of information about the death of the insured / beneficiary received from PESEL register. As a result of monthly update of PESEL database, information about death is processed with delay which causes sporadic cases of undue payment of benefits after death.

## Registration procedures - IN FUTURE

### **Establishment of the database - the Central Register of ZUS Customers.**

Establishment of the Central Register of ZUS Customers will not result in the change of registration procedures, but will contribute to more effective use of information and data obtained during registration.

Direct access to PESEL database and verification of benefit recipient's data in payment applications should contribute to more effective detection of irregularities consisting in payment of undue benefits.

Direct access to KEP database will streamline the verification process of unique tax identification number (NIP).

## Data exchange with external institutions - NOW

Transmission of information from ZUS to the National Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Fund (PFRON) about contribution payers and beneficiaries who satisfy the conditions for a refund of contributions,

The interface with the Open Pension Funds (OPFs), which allows to communicate information on applications / updates / de-registration of OPF members. It also allows to check the accuracy of data provided by agents, concerning individuals who entered into an agreement with OPF.

Providing the National Health Fund with information about people covered by the health insurance.

Exchange of data on pension benefits with the Agricultural Social Insurance Fund (KRUS), National Depository for Securities, Ministry of Finance, Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior is asynchronous.

## Data exchange with external institutions - IN FUTURE

In terms of data exchange with external institutions, such as Ministry of Defence, KRUS, Ministry of Interior, the online solution is planned, based on open communication standards (such as webservice).

In the context of more effective enforcement of dues this will inter alia enable integration with other registration systems (e.g. the Central Registry of Vehicles and Drivers "CEPIK").

It is also planned to sign an agreement with the Ministry of Justice with regard to access to the electronic land registry.

## Control procedures - NOW

**Selecting patients and physicians for checking sick leaves.**

**Control of contribution payers who pay allowances from the sickness or accident insurance and employ pregnant women with high insurance contributions.**

## Control procedures - IN FUTURE

### medical e-certificates

The target is to eliminate the practice of forging paper forms of medical certificates. Functional solutions of the system will allow to reduce the number of violations by physicians of certification rules, such as: issuing medical certificates for retrograde period (except for cases allowed by legislation), failing to enter statistical numbers of diseases.

This will allow to reduce the number of cases where errors in medical certificates need to be explained.

More effective verification of short periods of incapacity for work (currently a paper ZUS ZLA form may be submitted within 7 days).

### Control of contribution payers

Establishment of the Central Register of ZUS Customers (CRKZ) will also allow to introduce a comprehensive risk analysis module for selecting candidates for inspection.

## Databases - NOW

In terms of unreformed benefits, existence of distributed databases poses a risk of claiming the old-age pension in different ZUS branches. In this respect, campaigns are carried out to detect the same PESEL numbers in separate databases.

## Databases - IN FUTURE

Integration of benefit records into the central database is carried out. Eventually no distributed databases will exist. There will be no need to carry out verification in order to detect duplicate entities and related benefits, because the process will be fully systemic.





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