# EHFCN WEBINAR



### The importance of early data access to combat fraud

#### Short description

The detection and prevention of healthcare fraud crucially depends on the availability of the necessary data. Delays and constraints inherent in long-standing and only partially digitalized health insurance systems can pose significant challenges to the fight against fraud, whereas more modern systems or digital transformation provide opportunities to increase the efficiency of our inspection efforts.

#### Defined goals

Demonstrate limitations peculiar to the current Belgian system, and how these may render it vulnerable to certain fraud schemes. In comparison, present the more recent and fully electronic IT system of the General Healthcare System of Cyprus and demonstrate tools and mechanisms in place for fraud prevention and detection, before and after claim submission. In addition, expand on the potential of having a fully electronic IT system and how it facilitates expenditure control and expenditure forecasting. Invite discussion of participants' own experiences, strengths and weaknesses of existing systems, and future progress on this front.

#### Activity

1 webinar: Belgium (15 min), Cyprus (30 min), interaction with participants (30 min) After the webinar, the presentation (PPT & video) will be available on the <u>Webinar Platform</u>

#### Contact details for more information

This webinar is a common initiative of 2 EHFCN-members:

- Belgium: NIHDI-MEID (National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance Medical Evaluation and Inspection Department)
- Cyprus: HIO (Health Insurance Organization)

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#### Speakers

- Dr Antonia Hadjihanna has a background in Computer Science and Management of Information Systems, with her PhD focusing in the e-Government area. She is currently the system administrator of the General Healthcare System (GHS) IT system, as well as the Service Manager for the IT Services of the GHS.
- Michael Sassi is an experimental psychologist by training, and has been working as a data analyst at the Medical Evaluation and Inspection Department (MEID) of the National Institute of Health and Disability Insurance (NIHDI) since 2016.



