Setting health care expenditure level in Sweden

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## Three political and administrative levels

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<th>21 County councils</th>
<th>290 local authorities</th>
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<td>Ministry of Health and Social Affairs</td>
<td>divided into 6 regions</td>
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- finance, organisation, follow-up, provision
- Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions
Health care resources

- The total cost of medical health care amounts to approximately 309 billion SEK (33 billion EUR), which is 10% of GDP (prel. 2009).
- 71% of county council services are financed by county council taxes. The remainder is covered by the general government grant + households consumption.
- 90% of the county councils budget goes to health and medical care and dental care.
Health care resources
Income of the County councils (2009)
Government grants

• General government grant 23 billion kr (2.5 billion EUR)
• Targeted grant for pharmaceutical benefits 23 billion kr (2.5 billion EUR)
• Targeted grants for specific objectives (partly result based), e.g.:
  - Increase access to care 1 billion kr
  - Patient safety 675 million kr
  - Coordinated care of the most sick elderly people 1 billion kr
Setting health care expenditure levels

- Primarily the County Councils responsibility
- State level:
  - Law demanding a balanced budget on County Councils
  - Level of general grant to the regional level
  - Pricing of drugs and targeted grants for pharmaceutical subsidies
  - Changing incentives and behaviour through legislation, agreements with the regional level and targeted grants
Cost control - current reforms

- High-cost protection scheme for healthcare and pharmaceuticals, increasing patient fees
- Revision of price setting model for pharmaceuticals
- Follow-up and evaluation of outcomes