Basic regulations in health care

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Health care system

Legal Rights

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Legal obligations

The Swedish law regulates that a patient has the right to obtain the care that his/her *needs* requires.

(Not the care he/she *wants*)
Objectives HsL

- Assuring the entire population
- Good health and care
- Equal terms
- With respect for dignity of all human beings
- Prioritize
Requirements to be met by health and medical services

- Good quality
- Available
- Respect for self-determination and privacy
- Promote good contact between patient and staff
the Act on Professional Activity in Health and Medical Services

• Health care professionals:
• must perform work in line with science and the best practice,
• workers wearing self responsibility for how they carry out their duties,
Legally Required to Document

• Physicians – in the medical record
• Nurses – nursing documentation
  – Allied Health Personnel
  – Psychologist
  – Physiotherapist
  – Etc.
Patient Data Act (swe. Patientdatalagen)

- The purpose of the Patient Data Act is to improve patient security and protect sensitive data.

- Requirements on:
  - Security
  - Documentation
  - Rules for secrecy and accessibility

- All care providers (are legally responsible to follow the patient Data Act)
Some more regulations

• **Patients**: “You are entitled to express your views and lodge a complaint if you are dissatisfied with the treatment you have received or with the work of the social services”

• **Health care staff**: Events where a patient has been maltreated or when the patient's safety or health has been at risk, must be reported to The National Board of Health and Welfare. (Lex Maria)
Costs for health care per capita, 2005, US-dollar*
Costs for health care per capita, US-dollar, 2009

- Sweden  3,598  8.9 % of GDP
- USA      6,657  15.9 % of GDP
- China    81    4.7 % of GDP
- India    36    5.0 % of GDP
Hospital beds per 1000 inhabitants, 2005*
Physicians per 1000 inhabitants, 2005*
Infant mortality, 2005*

*Källa: OECD 2007  
\textsuperscript{1)}=2004  
\textsuperscript{*}=indikatorn ingår i index resultat