

pension or subsidy due to labor disablement or unemployment belong to the general regime of FONASA, enacted by Law No. 18,469 and its By-law. Whenever an individual falls within one of the categories, automatically becomes affiliated to this regime. Likewise, individuals automatically re-enter the system whenever a contract between an affiliate and an ISAPRE is terminated. Any person belonging to this system is entitled to all the benefits and services which the medical institutions belonging to the National Health System provide.

6. In terms of health infrastructure as well as in the provision of many medical services, the public sector was still the principal supplier during 1992 according to various indicators. The National Health Service runs a total of 183 hospitals and 2.228 out-patient clinics and medical centers all over the country and provides most of the hospital beds in the country (See Graphic 1). Public Health Services are the sole providers of medical attention in the rural areas. The System supplied a total of 19.116.851 medical consultations during 1991 (1.4 per inhabitant) up from 13.896.444 (1.1 per inhabitant) in 1987. (Table I).

Year	Medical consultations	Per inhabitant
1987	13.896.444	1.1
1991	19.116.851	1.4