

## 4. THE PREMIUM-BASED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

### HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE PREMIUM-BASED SYSTEM

- Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social (IMSS)*, the Mexican Institute for Social Security
- Instituto de Seguridad y Servicios Sociales de los Trabajadores del Estado (ISSSTE)*, the Institute of Security and Social Services for Public Sector Employees
- Secretaría de la Defensa Nacional (SDN)*, the Secretariat of National Defence
- Secretaría de Marina (SM)*, the Secretariat of the Marine
- Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX)*, the state-owned oil company

### POPULATION COVERED BY THE PREMIUM-BASED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, 1992 (MILLIONS)

<i>Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social (IMSS)</i> , Mexican Institute for Social Security	37.5
<i>Instituto de Seguridad y Servicios Sociales de los Trabajadores del Estado (ISSSTE)</i> , Institute of Security and Social Services for Public Service Employees	8.6
<i>Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX)</i> , the state-owned oil company	0.8
<i>Secretaría de la Defensa Nacional (SDN)</i> , Secretariat of National Defence	0.8
<i>Secretaría de Marina (SM)</i> , Secretariat of the Marine	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.8</b>

Source: *Recursos y Servicios, Sistema Nacional de Salud, Boletín de Información Estadística, Número 12, 1992, Published in October, 1993, pg. 11.*

Employed people are covered by separate medical care systems funded through premiums paid by employers and employees. Premiums paid by private sector employers are directed to the *Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social (IMSS)*, Mexican Institute for Social Security. Most of the premiums for public sector employees go to the *Instituto de Seguridad y Servicios Sociales de los Trabajadores del Estado (ISSSTE)*, Institute of Security and Social Services for Public Service Employees. A few public sector employers operate their own health care plans, and do not participate in the *ISSSTE*. They include *Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX)*, the state-owned oil company, the *Secretaría de Marina (SM)*, Secretariat of the Marine, and the *Secretaría de la Defensa Nacional (SDN)*, Secretariat of National Defence.

The premium-based system covers almost half of the population. It operates one-third of the primary care facilities and 55 percent of the hospitals in the National Health Care System. It is responsible for 80 percent of the expenditures in the Health Care System.

The *IMSS* is the largest of these health care providers, caring for 78 percent of the eligible population in the premium-based system. The *ISSSTE* accounts for 18 percent and the others combined are responsible for about four percent.

