

I.3 Private Health Services

8. On the other hand, every Chilean earning more than the minimum wage is entitled to join the private health scheme of their choice, normally through a 7% deduction from their salary and deposited in the ISAPRE.
9. Currently, the system has around one and a half million affiliates thus covering over three million people, including their dependants. This group basically comprises persons from the wealthiest segment of the population.
10. There are a total of 22 open ISAPRES and 14 company-owned or closed ISAPRES, which handle a sort of captive health insurance for its own personnel. Some of these latter companies provide services to a large number of beneficiaries, in cases larger than some of the open companies. (See Tables II and III)
11. The biggest ISAPRES (closed as well as open ones) have their own medical centres, clinics and laboratories in a highly integrated health care operation.
12. The health infrastructure and services provided by the private sector consists of 37 hospitals, 164 full medical service private clinics, 387 polyclinics, 467 medical centers, 506 medical laboratories and supplied a total of 10,600 hospital beds. The system provided a total of 17,134,402 medical services during 1992 (See Table I).