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Compared to previous version documentation sheet (09-08-2010) the following issues were adapted:

- New section on relevant policy areas added to the documentation sheet
- Data availability updated; part of OECD health data available online in OECD.Stat now
- Remarks updated (Health at a Glance 2011)
- References updated (OECD.Stat, Health at a Glance 2011)

<i>ECHIM Indicator name</i>	D) Health interventions: health services 76. Insurance coverage
<i>Relevant policy areas</i>	- Sustainable health care systems - Health inequalities (including accessibility of care)
<i>Definition</i>	The proportion of the population covered by health insurance, taking into account both public and private insurance schemes.
<i>Calculation</i>	Public (government/social) health insurance coverage is the share of the population (%) eligible for a defined set of health care goods and services that are included in total public health expenditure. Private health insurance coverage is the share of the population (%) based on a head count of individuals covered by at least one private health insurance policy (including both individuals covered in their own name and dependants).
<i>Relevant dimensions and subgroups</i>	- Calendar year - Country - Sex (see data availability)
<i>Preferred data type and data source</i>	Preferred data type: - Administrative data (insurance policies) Preferred data source: - OECD Health Data
<i>Data availability</i>	OECD Health Data is an electronic database released annually in June, available. Most of the data is freely available (OECD.Stat), but access to some parts of the database (including insurance coverage) requires a subscription. Some data on insurance coverage are freely available in the publication Health at a Glance. Data available since 1960, early years not complete for all countries. No data by sex available.
<i>Data periodicity</i>	Annually.
<i>Rationale</i>	Indicator describing (equal) access to services. Indicator for social inequalities in health care system.
<i>Remarks</i>	- 'The proportion of the population covered by health insurance' is one of the indicators of the health and long term care strand of the Social Protection Committee developed under the Open Method of Coordination (OMC). - Most recent data on insurance coverage at time of last update of this documentation sheet is the 2011 version of OECD health data, which contains 2009 data for insurance coverage. Precise name of indicator: SOCIAL PROTECTION (HEALTH_PROT), Health care coverage, Total public and primary private health insurance. The 2009 data are presented in the 2011 edition of the Health at a Glance report series (see references). - This ECHIM/OECD indicator is defined in such a way that coverage is independent of the scope of cost-sharing. - OECD numbers include both public and private health insurance coverage. The OECD numbers are meant to have avoided duplications in the calculation. - National sources used for this indicator differ in nature (administrative data, surveys), hence comparability between countries is not optimal.
<i>References</i>	- OECD.Stat: http://www.oecd.org/health/healthdata - Health at a Glance 2011 edition (page 134): http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/6/28/49105858.pdf - General information on OECD Health Data: http://www.oecd.org/health/healthdata - Indicators of the health and long term care strand, OMC, Eurostat website: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=756&langId=en

<i>Work to do</i>	
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