



## STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY

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### Abstract

The present paper examines the status and problems of financing and management of the healthcare system. It is based on a research realized in 2017. The research was conducted among health experts of Ministry of Health, National Health Insurance Fund, executive directors and managers of hospitals and laboratories, university professors of health care management and other experts in the healthcare system. The authors investigate their positions about the changes in healthcare financing in Bulgaria. The study shows that the Ministry of Health have to manage and finance some priority health activities.

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