

# Taiwan's National Health Insurance Oliver Liu

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# **Profile of Taiwan**

Population	23.37 million	Thirm VS 31
Land area	36,193km <sup>2</sup>	* 2
Ageing	11.53% (2013)	AND THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN 1
GDP per capita (2012)	US\$ 20,423 (nominal) US\$ 38,357 (PPP, by IMF)	
Crude birth rate Crude death rate	8.53 ‰ (2013) 6.68 ‰ (2013)	
Infant mortality Maternal mortality	3.67 ‰ 8.53 o/oooo (2012)	***** (D)
NHE to GDP	6.62% (2012)	
Life expectancy	83.3 (F) / 76.7(M) (2013)	

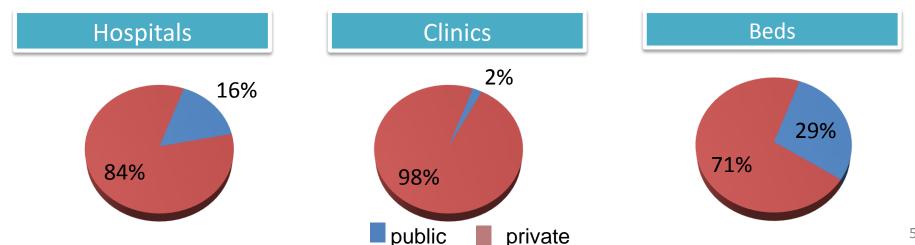


# Taiwan's Major Social Insurances





- Dominated by the private sector
- A closed-staff medical structure for hospitals
- No gate-keeper system
- High volume of hospital OPD services
- No waiting list as defined in western countries





## **NHI Characteristics**

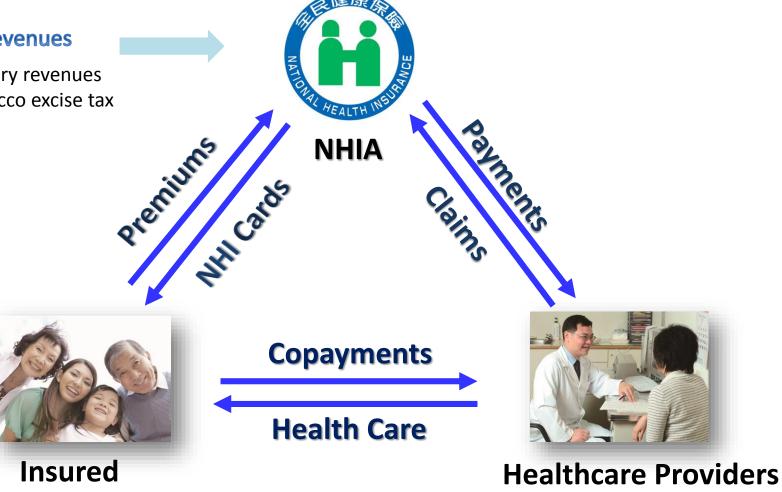
Coverage	Compulsory enrollment for all citizens and legal residents (99.9% of the population is covered by the NHI)
Administration	Single-payer system run by the government
Financing	Premiums
Benefits	Uniform package, copayment required
Providers	<ul><li>Contract-based</li><li>93.46% of healthcare providers contracted with NHI</li></ul>
Payment	Plural payment programs under the global budget payment systems
Privileges	Premium subsidies and copayment waivers for the disadvantaged



### **NHI Framework**

#### Other revenues

- Lottery revenues
- Tobacco excise tax





# **NHI Financing**

### **General Premium & Supplementary Premium**

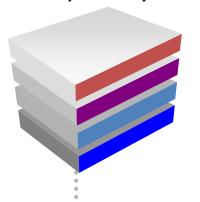
Calculated on payroll-related income

#### **Main Revenues**

Imposed on non-payroll incomes

#### **Premium Rate**

Reviewed by the NHI Supervisory Board



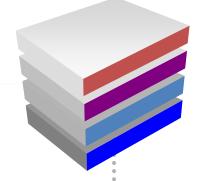


**Other Revenues** 

Lottery revenues, Tobacco excise tax

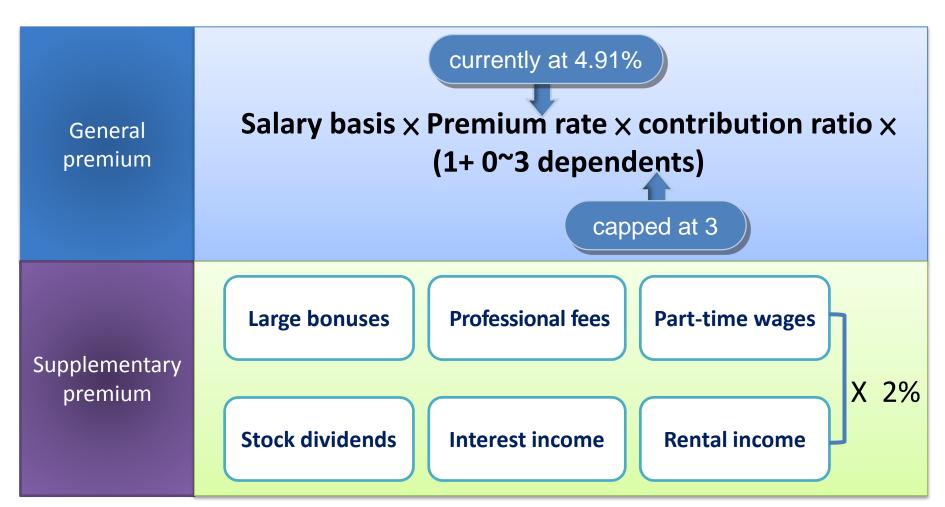
### Pay-As-You-Go

Maintain financial balance





### **Premium Collections**





## **Contribution Shares**

Unit:%

	Category	Insured	Employer	Government
1	Private-sector employees	30	60	10
	Government employees	30	70	
	Self-employed/Employers	100		
2	Occupational union members	60		40
3	Farmers/Fishermen	30		70
4	Conscripted military personnel			100
	Prisoners			100
5	Low-income households			100
6	Veterans			100
	Community groups	60		40



### **Benefits**

Disease

**Injury** 

**Maternity care** 

- Inpatient care
- Outpatient care
- Prescription drugs
- Dental services (orthodontics, prothodontics excluded)
- Traditional Chinese medicine
- Day care for the mentally ill
- Home nursing care



## **Copayment for Outpatient Care**

Unit: US\$

	Outpatient Care		Emergency	Dental Care/	Drug
	With Referral	Direct Visit	Care	Chinese Medicine	Drug (20%)
Medical Centers	7	12	15	1.7	0~6.7
Regional Hospitals	4.7	8	10	1.7	0~6.7
District Hospitals/	1.7	2.7	5	1.7	0~6.7
Clinics	-	1.7	5	1.7	0~6.7

#### Exemptions:

(1 USD = 30 NTD)

- 1. Catastrophic diseases and child delivery.
- 2. Medical services offered in mountain areas or on offshore islands.
- 3. Low-income households, veterans, and children under the age of 3.
- 4. Insured in areas with inadequate medical resources.



# Coinsurance for Inpatient Care (Acute Care)

Length of Stay	Rate
Within 30 days	10%
31 to 60 days	20%
Above 61 days	30%

### Coinsurance ceiling for the inpatient care in 2014:

- 1. US\$1,067(NT\$32,000) per stay for the same disease.
- 2. A total of US\$1,767(NT\$53,000) accumulated in the entire calendar year.



## Assistance for the Disadvantaged

Statutory premium subsidies

Low-income households

Disabled persons

The elderly

The temporarily unemployed

Financial assistance for the near poor

Interest-free Loans

Payment by installments

Referrals to charity organizations

Medical assistance for the disadvantaged

Guaranteed emergency services

Copayment subsidies and exemptions



### **Alleviating Financial Burdens**

Patients with catastrophic diseases represent 3.94% of population, who used 27.58% of NHI health expenditures.

Type of User	Medical Expenses	Equivalency
Per capita	NT\$25,258	1.0
Per catastrophic disease	NT\$179,249	7.1
Per cancer patient	NT\$135,890	5.4
Per cirrhosis of liver patient	NT\$138,864	5.5
Per dialysis patient	NT\$586,200	23.2
Per patient on respirator	NT\$726,860	28.8
Per hemophilia patient	NT\$3,305,733	130.9



## **NHI Payment Systems**

1995

Fee for service

1998 Global Budget w/FFS

- -- 1998 Dental care
- -- 1999 Chinese Medicine
- -- 2001 Clinics
- -- 2002 Hospitals
- -- 2003 OPD Dialysis

2012 Capitation (pilot)

2010 TW-DRGs (Inpatient)

**2004 RBRVS** 

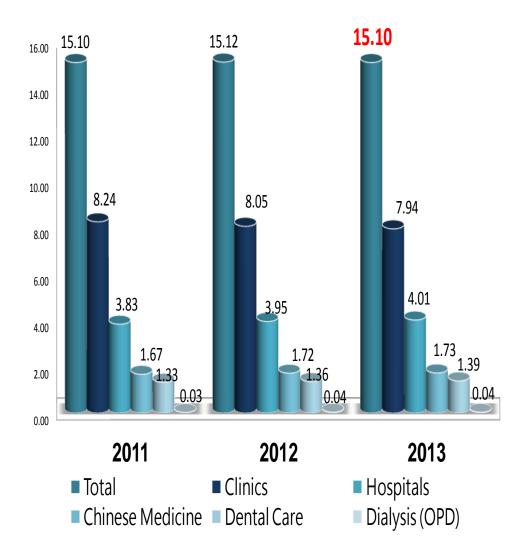
2001 Pay for Performance

1995 Case Payment

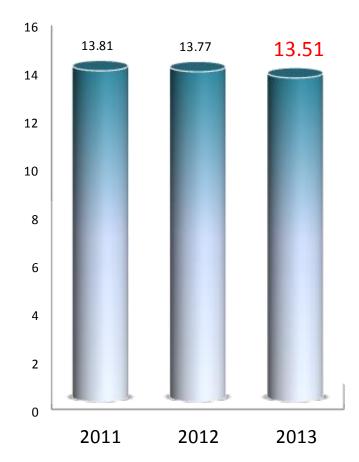


## **NHI Medical Utilization**

### Outpatient visits per person per year



# No. of hospital admissions per 100 persons





### **NHI Smart Card**

- Simplification of management process
- Daily update of medical visit data
  - Infectious disease tracing & monitoring
- Heavy-user detection & management



- 1. Last Six Medical Visits
- 2. Drug Prescriptions, Drug Allergies
- 3. Catastrophic Diseases
- 4. Organ Donation Consent
- 5. Palliative Care



## **NHI Pharmacloud**

Pharmaceutical Records Database



- A patient-centered medication information system established in July 2013
- Information updated on a daily rolling basis
- Allowing authorized medical practitioners to view real-time medication records with patient's consent
- Subject to strict privacy and security through VPN network



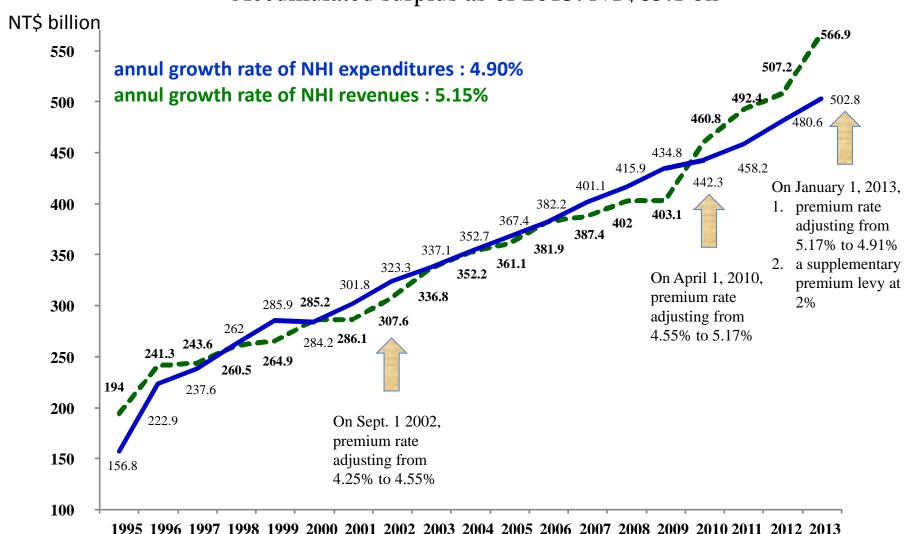
# **My Health Bank**



 The medical information includes the provider's names, visiting dates, diagnoses, medications, examinations, copayments, and the NHI expenditure.

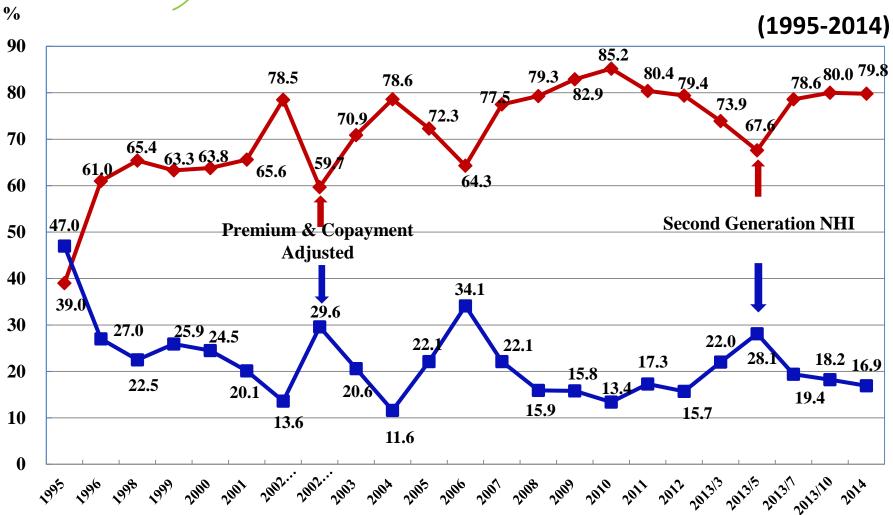


•Accumulated surplus as of 2013: NT\$85.1 bn





## **High Public Satisfaction**





# **Major NHI Achievements**

Universal coverage

Easy & equitable access

Quality medical care



High public satisfaction

Affordable cost

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Premium Contribution



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