



# MEDICAL ADVISORY SERVICES IN THE GERMAN SOCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE

**Organization Structure | Role And Impact In Health Care** 

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## **GERMAN SOCIAL INSURANCE**

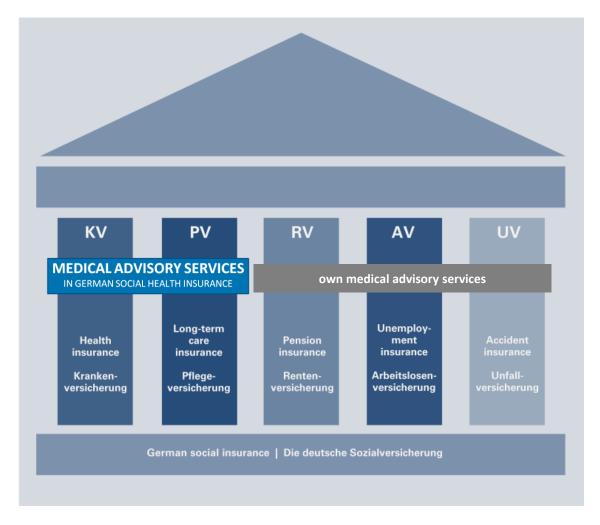
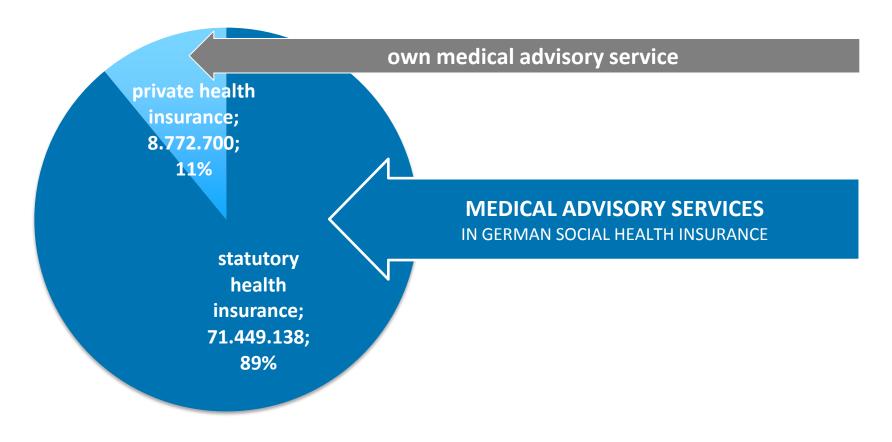


image: Techniker Krankenkasse

#### STATUTORY HEALTH INSURANCE

population with health insurance in Germany (2016)

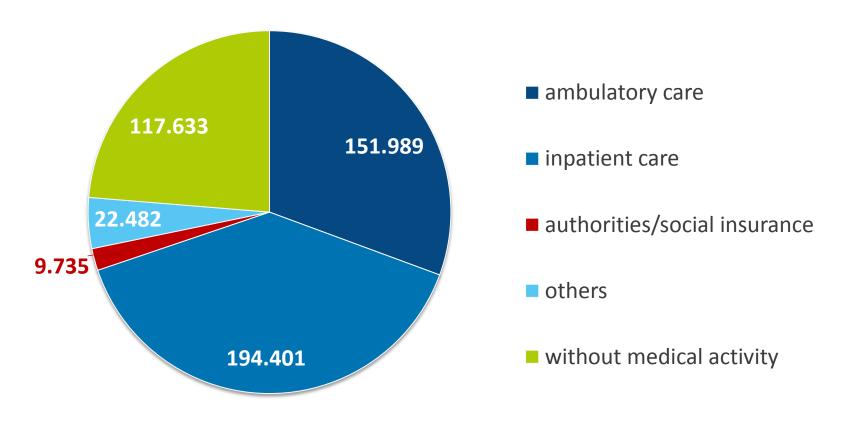
N = 80.271.838



source: www.gbe-bund.de

# **PHYSICIANS IN GERMANY** (2016)

N = 496.240

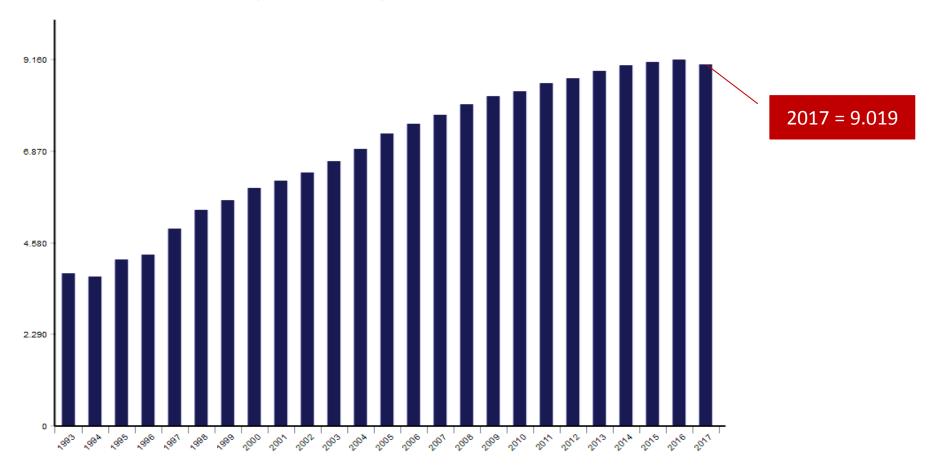


source: Ärztestatistik, Bundesärztekammer

#### PHYSICIANS IN GERMANY

## **Those With Additional Designation In**

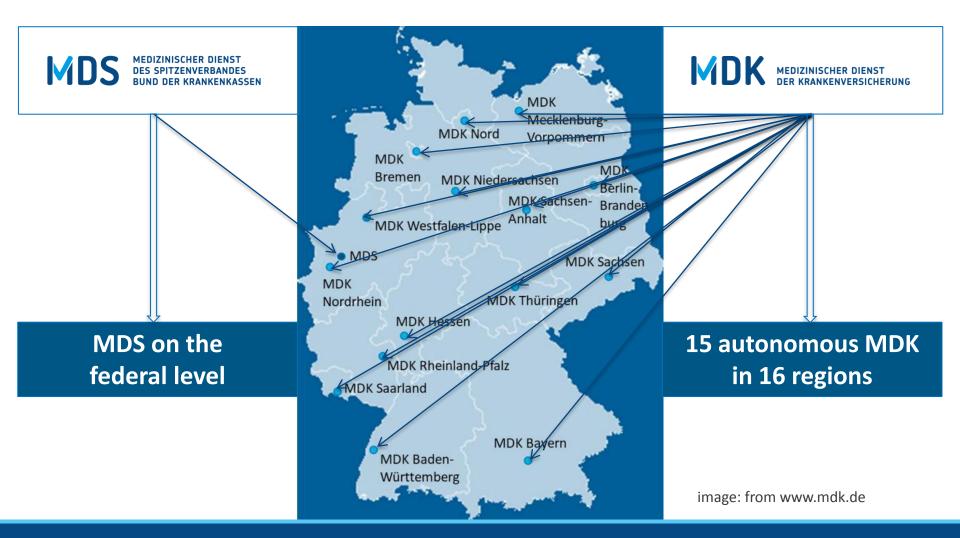
'Social Medicine' (time series)



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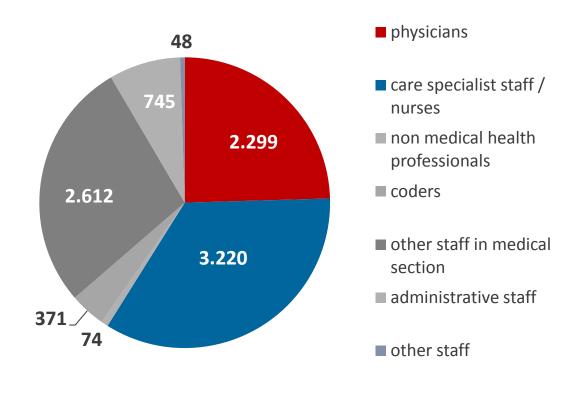
#### 2 TYPES OF MEDICAL ADVISORY SERVICES

#### In The German Social Health Insurance



# **STAFF IN 15 MDK AND MDS** (2017)

N = 9.369



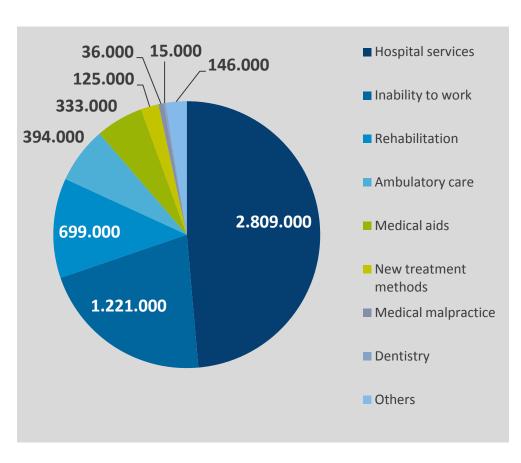


source: MDS, Berichtswesen

## In The Regions



- gives medical advice at the regional level
  - 110 statutory
     health insurance funds
- → carried out 5.778.000 individual case assessments in 2017

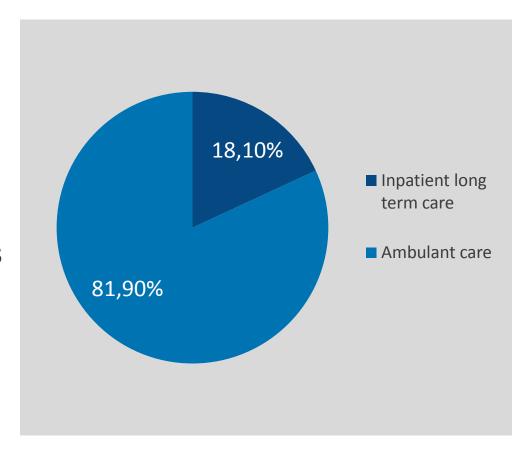


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## In The Regions



- gives medical and nursing advice at the regional level
  - 110 long term care insurance funds
- → carried out 1.886.000 individual care assessments in 2017



source: MDS, Berichtswesen

#### On The Federal Level





with great support and cooperation by MDK

### gives medical advice at the federal level

National Association of the Statutory Health Insurance and Long-Term Care Insurance Funds

## provides system consultancy\*

- long term care insurance
- quality of long term care services
- evidence based medicine / HTA
- quality improvement
- medical error and patient safety
- medical devices / medical aids
- ambulatory care / rehabilitation
- others



#### On The Federal Level

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- → system consultancy in the Federal Joint Committee (G-BA)
  - highest decision-making body of the joint self-government
  - specifies the concrete services to which patients and persons insured under SHI are guaranteed access to by law
  - quality assurance of medical care in clinics and doctors' practices

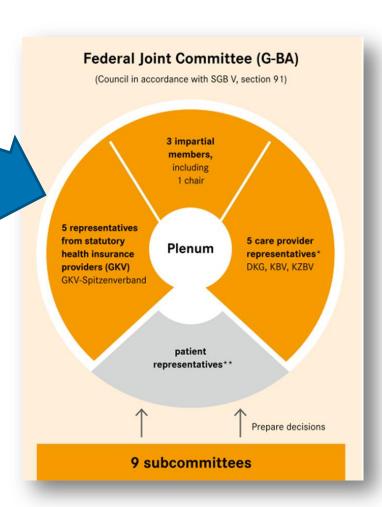


figure: from www.g-ba.de

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#### On The Federal Level



#### coordination

uniform assessment procedures

assessment guidelines

- knowledge management
- interest representation
- public relations
- reporting / statistics
- others









## **Range Of Tasks For The Medical Doctors**

- doing jobs on behalf of
  - 110 statutory health insurance funds
  - National Association of the Statutory Health Insurance and Long Term Care Insurance Funds



- create written products
  - individual case assessments
  - critical appraisal and reports (system consultancy)
- support work of bodies in statutory health insurance system
- → carry out quality assessements in long term care facilities and hospitals





#### **Mission And Claims**

- → independence of the assessment
  - threefold guaranteed:
    - by law (social code book: SGB V)
    - by physicians order of the medical association
    - by financing structure
- → help making decisions in health care according to medical justifications
- contribution to the improvement of the health care system
  - just, fair, social, solidarity, orientated economical
  - patient orientation

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quality improvement, patient safety

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#### **Future Prospects**



- ongoing increase of tasks and services
  - e. g. quality and reimbursement of hospital services Created by b farias
- → reinforcement of independence from social health insurance funds
  - current political objective
- need of continuous advances in social acceptance
  - turning away from paternalistic attitudes in favor of more patient orientation, participation and transparency
- looking beyond borders, i. e.
  - patient safety issues
  - medical rehabilitation for people in need of care
  - joining EUMASS… ?



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any questions?

