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Expenditure trends in compulsory healthcare insurance from 1998 to 2010

## Biggest cost increase for medication and outpatient treatment

Neuchâtel, 10.07.2012 (Obsan) – **In the twelve year period from 1998 to 2010, the inflation-adjusted expenditure of the compulsory healthcare insurance rose by CHF 6.9 billion. Population growth or ageing are only responsible for a small part of this increase. Outpatient treatment in particular, as well as medication have led to higher costs. This is a finding from a multi-year study conducted by the Swiss Health Observatory (Obsan).**

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