

Program to Support Health Sector Reform

COLOMBIA

SECTOR: Health

PROJECT NAME: Program to Support Health Sector Reform
(910/OC-CO)

TOTAL COST: \$63 million

FINANCING:

IDB \$38 million
LOCAL \$25 million

DATE OF APPROVAL: December 13, 1995

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The objective of the program is to promote access to and the efficient provision of cost-effective, high-quality health care services for all Colombians. The specific goals include universal coverage through a social security system for all citizens; equitable access to a core package of health care services, regardless of income level; efficiency, by improving health through the redirection of funding into preventive and primary health care and into poor areas; and quality, by ensuring that all health care meets basic quality standards.

The program will consist of the following components:
(a) policies, including analytical studies and demonstration projects to smooth out inconsistencies, fill in gaps in existing legislation, and improve specific policy and regulatory tools available to health sector institutions; (b) strengthening of existing institutions and establishment of new ones, if needed, to respond to demands for implementing the new health care social security system; and
(c) establishment of human resources policies and programs to develop and use human resources as

effectively as possible.

CONSULTANTS:

Consultants will be hired to carry out the following activities: (a) census of care providers and studies to evaluate competition; (b) household surveys and hospital costs; (c) contracting and payments (between insurers and plan member, and between insurers and providers); (d) risk adjustment, reinsurance and evaluation of the capitation payment; (e) evaluation of basic and supplemental benefit plans; (f) analysis of organizational performance; (g) reorganization of the social security administration; (h) redefinition of central, regional and local institutions; (i) evaluation of the potential for establishing a research institute; (j) quality management; (k) elaboration of technology policies and regulatory and control mechanisms; (l) information management; (m) administration of the subsidized system, as well as enrollment, contributions and collections; (n) establishment of human resource policies; (o) improvement of human resource institutions; (p) personnel training program preparation; (q) improvement of working conditions; (r) a consumer education campaign; and (s) focus groups to evaluate sector reform.

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