

The Hospital Industry: The Consequences of the Reforms in Eastern Germany

Abstract

The paper reports on the evolution of the hospital industry in Germany according to three targets of analysis: first, I examine the reasons of the reforms; for that, I position the hospital in the offer of care and in the structuring the regional industrial spaces of Germany, called "professional" or "based on the knowledge" economy. Then I find out the applicability of the health economy improvements into the medical policy: I evoke the succession of the reforms in Germany and in particular on the territory of Eastern States i.e. the reforms of convergence, those which remedy current demographic deteriorations, and those which are impelled by the evolution of economic situation.

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