

THE ACCESSIBILITY OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN LITHUANIAN ENTERPRISES

Project implementation period: 2019

Objective. To assess the extent of provision of occupational health services in Lithuanian enterprises and possibilities for its development.

Tasks:

1. To assess the extent of provision of occupational health services in Lithuanian enterprises.
2. To analyze which occupational health services are provided in Lithuanian enterprises.
3. To analyze stakeholders' attitudes towards the possibilities for the development of the provision of occupational health services in Lithuanian micro- and small-sized enterprises.
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Methodology. A survey of Lithuanian enterprises (n=600) was carried out and the value of the indicator “The percentage of employed persons who have access to occupational health services” was calculated. A survey of occupational health professionals working in Lithuanian enterprises was carried out in order to find out which occupational health services they provided. A stakeholder roundtable was also held to discuss the possibilities for the development of the provision of occupational health services in Lithuanian micro- and small-sized enterprises.

Results. The extent of provision of occupational health services in Lithuanian enterprises is 4 percent. The extent of provision of occupational health services provided at least partially is 11.5 percent. The most frequently provided occupational health services are related to workers’ health monitoring. The least frequently provided occupational health services are related to advising on health protection, adapting work processes to the workers’ capabilities, and using of personal protective measures. Besides, only every second occupational health professional organizes activities of occupational health promotion. The main possibilities for the development of the provision of occupational health services in Lithuanian micro- and small-sized enterprises are long-term programmes of occupational health promotion implemented by Lithuanian public health bureaus, improving the quality of workers’ health examinations by adoption of mobile health care cabinets, and dissemination of the information on the benefits that the employer receives when investing in workers’ health.

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