

State-funded treatment bill surges 37% (Al Alam Al Youm, Dec. 19)

The total cost of the government-funded health services increased by 37.2% to EGP 8.4 billion in 2018, compared to EGP 6.1 billion in 2017, according to the official statistical agency. In 2018, the number of hospitals surged by 2.2% to 691 versus 676 in 2017. The total number of hospital beds, however, dropped by 0.4% to 95,683 against 96,111 in 2017. About 55.6 million people accessed health insurance services in 2018, compared to 54.2 million in 2017.