

New Government and budget bill



"A Sweden that keeps together"



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The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

- **Responsible for issues concerning**
 - Health, medical care and social care
 - Social insurances
 - Rights of the child and of people with disabilities
 - Housing and construction
 - Central government administration, burials and cremations, and public procurement
 - Religious communities
- **Slightly more than one third of the central government budget**
- **Some 260 employees**
- **Changes underway due to new government**

The Swedish health system

- **Very good situation overall, despite challenges**
- **Health system**
 - Universal coverage
 - Publically financed
 - Needs-based
 - Decentralisation
 - Cost-efficient
- **Health expenditure**
 - USD 46 billion or 9.6% of GDP



Health area initiatives, examples

- **Avoidable health inequalities**
 - Commission for equitable health
- **Equitable and high-quality health and medical care**
 - National guidelines, initiatives concerning the organisation of the health system, etc.
- **Health professionals**
 - More time for the patient by addressing shortages and promoting efficiency

Health area initiatives, examples

- **Women's health**
 - Midwives and maternal health
- **Cancer care**
 - Improve access and reduce differences
- **Mental health**
 - Focus on children and youth
- **Pharmaceuticals free of charge <18 years**