

Development of legislation and institutions

The rights and guarantees of the citizens. The rights of the citizens within the organization of the National Health System, and the respective guarantees they enjoy were acknowledged in the Act of Parliament 16/2003 of the 18th of May, of Cohesion and Quality in the National Health System. They have continued to be developed and articulated in each of the Autonomous Communities (table V).

Autonomous community	Date	Title
Andalusia	21/12/2005	Order of the 21st of December 2005, covering the automatic creation, modification and destruction of personal data files used by the Council
	16/03/2006	Order of the 16th of March 2006, covering the automatic regulation and destruction of personal data files managed by the Provincial delegations of the Council
	11/07/2006	Order of the 11th of July 2006, covering the automatic creation of personal data files in relation with the Andalusian Information System for Coordination of Transplants between Autonomies
	31/07/2006	Order of the 31st of July 2006, in which personal data files of the Public Emergency Health Service are created and destroyed
	13/11/2006	Order of the 13th of November 2006, in which the specific conditions for an open invitation to tender were approved through which clinics and consultant chiropodists may apply to provide assistance to patients suffering from, or at risk of suffering from diabetes and diabetic foot
	29/11/2006	Order of the 29th of November 2006, regulating dental care within the public health system of Andalusia for persons with severe discapacity
	11/12/2006	Resolution of the 11th of December 2006, by the Board of Directors of the Andalusian Health Service, in which the Service Charter of the Andalusian Health Service was approved
	20/12/2006	Order of the 20th of December 2006, which established for 2007 the population that was entitled to dental care benefit as set out in the Decree 281/2001, of the 26th of December
Asturias	27/09/2006	Resolution of the 27th of September 2006, approving the financial support to be offered for maintenance, accommodation and transportation in non-sanitary transport of patients belonging to the Health Service of the Principality of Asturias who receive medical attention in centres outside the area of the Autonomous Community

Autonomous community	Date	Title
Balearic Islands	03/03/2006	Act 1/2006, of the 3rd of March, of advanced directives
	22/09/2006	Decree 83/2006, of the 22nd of September, guaranteeing maximum periods for response from non-urgent specialised medical programming within the Health Service of the Balearic Islands
Canary Islands	08/02/2006	Decree 13/2006, of the 8th of February, regulating the advanced directives of living wills within the health service and the creation of the corresponding registry
	01/08/2006	Decree 116/2006, of the 1st of August, regulating the system of organization, management and information concerning waiting lists within the health service
	26/12/2006	Order of the 26th of December 2006, modifying Annex I of the Order of the 15th of May 2003, which established the maximum response time for specific surgical procedures within the Health Service of the Canary Islands
Cantabria	15/06/2006	Act 7/2006, of the 15th of June, guaranteeing the maximum response time for specialised medical attention in the public health system of Cantabria
	05/10/2006	Order SAN/25/2006, of the 5th of October, governing the creation of personal data files to be handled by the Directorate General of Public Health of the Health and Social Services Council
Castile-La Mancha	30/12/2006 and other	Orders of the 30th of December 2005; of the 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th of March 2006, of the 2nd, 27th and 29th of November 2006, covering the creation of data files for diverse purposes within the Health Care Services of Castile-La Mancha
	31/01/2006	Decree 10/06, of the 31st of January, governing the maximum response time and guaranteed services of specialised medical attention in Castile-La Mancha
	21/02/2006	Decree 15/06, of the 21st of February, of the register of advanced directives of Castile-La Mancha
	02/02/2006	Circular 2/2006, of the 2nd of February, on the control of data movements within the information, services and practical applications of ICT within the Sescam area
Catalonia	03/11/2006	Order SLT/519/2006, of the 3rd of November, which regulates the personal data files used within the Health Department
Valencian Community	09/02/2006	Order of the 9th of March 2006, introducing the notification sheet for health and social assistance and child protection in the Community of Valencia
	24/03/2006	Decree 37/2006, of the 24th of March, regulating the free choice of doctor and health centre within the area of Public Health of the Community of Valencia
	29/06/2006	Order of the 29th of June 2006, establishing the public subsidy of medicine for the treatment of erectile dysfunction in spinal injured patients
Extremadura	24/01/2006	Decree 15/2006, of the 24th of January, regulating the free choice of doctor, service and centre for Primary health care in the Public Health Service of Extremadura
	21/03/2006	Decree 55/2006, of the 21st of March, regulating application procedure and the awarding of subsidies for payment of certain ortho-prosthetic treatments and products for the elderly

Autonomous community	Date	Title
Extremadura	04/04/2006	Decree 68/2006, of the 4th of April, regulating the right to obtaining free pharmaceutical products for paediatric use for large families, handicapped persons and those with chronic conditions
Galicia	31/08/2006	Order of the 31st of August 2006, regulating the subsidies available for creating programmes offering assistance to patients with persistent mental illness within the community care schemes which rely on associations of families of mentally ill patients and other non-profit making organisations
Murcia	09/01/2006	Order of the 9th of January 2006, regulating the procedure for disbursement by the Health Service of Murcia for health care costs incases where lives are at risk
	03/02/2006	Order of the 3rd of February 2006, regulating the process for ortho-prosthetic benefits
	31/03/2006	Decree 25/2006, of the 31st of March, which develops the basic state legislation regarding information about waiting lists, and which establishes the measures required to guarantee a maximum limit for access to the Public Health System in the Region of Murcia
	05/09/2006	Order of the 5th of September 2006, modifying the order of the 21st of February 2006, establishing the compensatory support available to patients of the Health Service of Murcia for transport and accommodation away from home required for medical attention
Basque Country	21/3/2006	Decree 65/2006, of the 21st of March, which establishes the maximum time limits for access to non-urgent programmed surgical procedures at the expense of the Health System of Euskadi
Rioja	19/05/2006	Decree 30/2006, of the 19th of May, regulating the Register of Advanced Directives of La Rioja
	26/07/2006	Order 8/2006, of the 26th of July, on the method for submitting documents of advanced directives to administrative personnel
	19/09/2006	Order 9/2006, of the 19th of September, which established the personal data files of the Health Service of La Rioja
Sescam, the Health Service of Castile-La Mancha; ICT, information and communication technologies.		

Nevertheless, it should be remembered that the autonomy of the patient is one of the essential core values within the current bill of rights of patients or users, and this has led to a fundamental change in clinical relations from the point of view of bioethics and from the judicial perspective.

In reference to the foundations and theoretical framework, a distinction must be drawn between the right to privacy, as defined in article 18, points 1 and 4 of the Spanish Constitution, and the creation by the Constitutional Tribunal of a new fundamental right, which is that of the protection of personal data¹⁰. This is a new right, and brings a whole train of consequences with it.

10 Sentence 292/2000, of the 30th of November, of the Constitutional Tribunal.

However, for the sake of convenience it should be explained that the systematic descriptive analysis in the first part of this chapter tackles the development of legislation covering the rights of citizens by distinguishing those derived from the Cohesion and Quality Act, and those derived from the Patient Autonomy Act. However, it should be clear that both cases refer to the individual rights of the citizens independently of the guarantees which have been established to oversee their application, given that these measures are not always needed from the public administration, and that the Judiciary provides in itself a full guarantee.

In surveying the area of the citizen's rights, it is interesting to take the right to privacy as a point of reference, especially regarding the handling of personal data by the health services of the autonomies. In this case, we can observe a constant, numerous and widespread activity on the part of the autonomies to bring their action into line with the regulations concerning data protection¹¹.

The development undertaken by the Autonomous Communities with reference to the Patient Autonomy Act is not limited to aspects in relation with advanced directives or living wills, but encompass a far wider range.

The individual rights of citizens have been regulated at the level of the Autonomous Communities in several aspects relative to advanced directives and living wills in 2006, within the confines of the legislation set out in article 11 of the Act 41/2002, of the 14th of November, the Basic Regulatory Law on Patient Autonomy and Rights and Obligations concerning Information and Clinical Documentation. The passing of general legislation concerning advanced directives has continued, such as in the case of the Balearic

11 In Andalusia, the order of the 21st of December 2005, which covers the automatic creation, modification and destruction of personal data files used by the council; the order of the 11th of July 2006, covering the automatic creation of personal data files in relation with the Andalusian Information System for Coordinating Transplants between Autonomies; the order of the 31st of July 2006, in which personal data files of the Public Emergency Health Service are created and destroyed.

In Cantabria, the order SAN/25/2006, of the 5th of October, governing the creation of personal data files to be handled by the Directorate General of Public Health of the Health and Social Services Council. In Castile-La Mancha, the orders of the 30th of December 2005; of the 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th of March 2006, of the 2nd, 27th and 29th of November 2006, covering the creation of data files for diverse purposes within the Health Care Service of Castile-La Mancha. Similarly, the circular 2/2006 on the control of data movements within the information, services and practical applications of the ICT within the area of Sescam (Castile-La Mancha Health Services).

In Catalonia, the order SLT/519/2006, of the 3rd of November, which regulates the personal data files used within the Health Department.

In Rioja, the order 9/2006, of the 9th of September, which covers the personal data files used within the Health Service of Rioja.

Islands¹², and its function has been developed in the registers of the Canary Islands¹³, Madrid¹⁴, Castile-La Mancha¹⁵ and Rioja¹⁶, in the other regions where the directives had been approved but not developed.

In relation with the right to free choice of a recognised general practitioner for the entirety of the National Health System in article 5.1 d) of the Act 44/2003, of the 21st of November, on the Organisation of Medical Professions, those autonomous services which had not yet passed legislation developed this content in 2006, specifically in the case of Valencian Community¹⁷ and Extremadura¹⁸.

Throughout 2006, those Autonomous Communities which had not yet defined the maximum waiting period in their service charter, such as Andalusia, did so within the limits set out in this framework. Other Autonomous Communities, such as the Balearic Islands¹⁹, the Canary Islands²⁰, Cantabria²¹, Castile-La Mancha²², Murcia²³ and Basque Country²⁴ had already established the

12 Act 1/2006, of the 3rd of March, of Advanced Directives.

13 Decree 13/2006, of the 8th of February, regulating the advanced directives within the health service and the creation of the corresponding registry.

14 Decree 101/2006, of the 16th of November, regulating the Register of Advanced Directives of Madrid for the Health Services and the order 2191/2006, of the 18th of December, which develops the same.

15 Decree 15/2006, of the 21st of February, of the Register of Advanced Directives of Castile-La Mancha.

16 Decree 30/2006, of the 19th of May, regulating the Register of Advanced Directives of La Rioja. Also Order 8/2006, of the 26th of July, on the method for submitting documents of advanced directives to administrative personnel.

17 Decree 37/2006, of the 24th of March, regulating the free choice of doctor and health centre within the area of Public Health of the Valencian Community.

18 Decree 15/2006, of the 24th of January, regulating the free choice of doctor, service and centre for Primary health care in the Public Health Service of Extremadura.

19 Decree 83/2006, of the 22nd of September, guaranteeing maximum response periods for non-urgent specialised medical programming within the Health Service of the Balearic Islands.

20 Decree 116/2006, of the 1st of August, regulating the system of organization, management and information concerning waiting lists within the health service; Order of the 26th of December 2006, modifying Annex I of the Order of the 15th of May 2003, which established the maximum response time for specific surgical procedures within the Health Service of the Canary Islands.

21 Act 7/2006, of the 15th of June, guaranteeing the maximum response time for specialised medical attention in the public health system of Cantabria.

22 Decree 10/06, of the 31st of January, governing the maximum response time and guaranteed services of specialised medical attention in Castile-La Mancha.

23 Decree 25/2006, which develops the basic state legislation regarding information about waiting lists, and which establishes the measures required to guarantee a maximum limit for access to the public health system in the Region of Murcia.

24 Decree 65/2006, of the 21st of March, which establishes the maximum time limits for access to non-urgent programmed surgical procedures at the expense of the Health System of Euskadi (Basque Country).

recognition of these maximum periods, and set up the management and information instruments required (basically, the waiting lists) in order to provide the assistance which is called for within the stipulated maximum time limit

Health service organization. As regards the organs of local government, the absence of regional elections in 2006 has meant that there have been no changes in the existing structures of the departments responsible for health services. However, there was structural change in Galicia²⁵ as a consequence of the election results of 2005. Similarly in Cantabria²⁶ and Valencian Community²⁷, there has been restructuring of the bodies set up by the regional health boards, as a belated response to the transfer of responsibilities for functions and services of medical attention, which call for more extensive policies of coordination and planning regarding health care.

As regards the organisation of health services in the Autonomous Communities, there have only been specific modifications carried out once the stage of setting them up has been definitively closed (table VI). The statutes of the Board of Health of the Balearic Islands²⁸ have been approved, and the statutes of the Health Service of Navarre-Osasunbidea have been modified as a consequence of the adaptation to the new regulations of Public Administration in Navarre²⁹. Adjustments have also taken place in the territorial organization of the structures of autonomous health systems, by means of both general and specific modifications of their respective health maps (Aragon³⁰, Asturias³¹ and Castile-La Mancha³²), with specific measures

25 Decree 45/2006, of the 23rd of February, establishing the administrative structure of the Health Department; Decree 46/2006, of the 23rd of February, establishing the administrative structure of the Health Service of Galicia.

26 Decree 103/2006, of the 13th of October, modifying the basic structure of the Regional Board of Health and Social Services.

27 Decree 1/2006, of the 13th of January, modifying the Decree 26/2005, of the 4th of February, which approved the administrative and functional regulations of the Board of Health. Similarly, Decree 56/2006, of the 21st of April was passed, approving the administrative and functional regulations of the Health Service Inspectorate of the Board of Health.

28 Decree 39/2006, of the 21st of April, approving the Statutes of the Public Board of Health of the Balearic Islands.

29 Foral Decree 45/2006, of the 3rd of July, approving the Statutes of the Health Service of Navarre-Osasunbidea.

30 Decree 84/2006, of the 4th of April, modifying the Health Map of the Autonomous Community of Aragon.

31 Decree 80/2006, of the 29th of June, approving the Health Map of Asturias and setting up the guidelines for putting it into practice.

32 Order of the 8th of May 2006, modifying the health map of Castile-La Mancha in the basic zones of the Puertollano health service. Order of the 9th of October 2006, modifying

regarding primary and specialized medical attention (Aragon³³), mental health (Extremadura³⁴) and also by means of development of the administrative, territorial and functional structure of particular hospitals and specialized centres (Castile-La Mancha³⁵). Andalusia³⁶ is proceeding with the opening of “high-resolution” hospitals.

Among the new developments, a “second decentralisation” can be noticed within the limits of regional administration. This is taking place in Catalonia, where the territorial government health agencies have been developed to ensure collaboration between the regional government of the Generalitat and the local health authorities³⁷, to reach a greater level of integration of responsibilities between the different administrations and so improve the service offered to the user and the community.

As regards the organization, the intense application of their responsibilities in health matters by all the Autonomous Communities has led to a proliferation of specialised executive bodies manifesting the principal lines of action adopted by each of them. This has occurred in the application of the Royal Decree 1,088/2005, of the 16th of September, which establishes the minimum requirements and conditions for blood donorship and for the transfusion centres and services. 2006 has seen the addition of Asturias³⁸, Catalonia³⁹ and Rioja⁴⁰ to those which already exist.

the health map of Castile-La Mancha in the basic zones of the Guadalajara health service.

33 Order of the 24th of February 2006, regulating paediatric assistance in Primary Care in the Health system of Aragon; Order of the 5th of October 2006, regulating the collaboration agreement for the constitution of the Board of Health.

34 Decree 92/2006, of the 16th of May, establishing the organization and function of the mental health service in the Autonomous Community of Extremadura.

35 Order of the 27th of June 2006, of the administrative, territorial and functional structure of the hospitals and specialized health centres of Albacete, Almansa and Villarrobledo.

36 Order of the 31st of March 2006, of the opening of high resolution hospitals within the context of a policy of approximation to the needs of the community and improved access.

37 Decree 38/2006, of the 14th of March, regulating the creation of territorial government health agencies.

38 Decree 4/2006, of the 12th of January, establishing the Haemovigilance system of the Principality of Asturias.

39 Decree 298/2006, of the 18th of July, regulating the Haemotherapy network and creating the Haemovigilance system of Catalonia.

40 Decree 13/2006, of the 3rd of February, regulating blood donorship and haemotherapy in the Autonomous Community of Rioja.

Table VI. Fundamental legislation for health service organisation, by autonomous community and date, 2006

Autonomous community	Date	Title
Andalusia	23/02/2006	Order of the 23rd of February 2006, approving the Annual Inspection Plan for Health Services
	31/03/2006	Order of the 31st of March 2006, establishing the High Resolution Hospitals of Guadix, Alcaudete, Puente Genil, Utrera and Sierra Norte de Sevilla and assuming the management of the same
	19/06/2006	Act 3/2006, of the 19th of June, creating the Bajo Guadalquivir Public Health Company
	04/07/2006	Decree 132/2006, of the 4th of July, establishing the conditions and requirements for the setting up and operation of orthopaedic services
	25/07/2006	Resolution of the 25th of July 2006, of the General Directorate of Quality, Research and Management of Knowledge, defining the scope of responsibilities for doctors, pharmacists, dentists, psychologists, chemists, biologists, biochemists, physicists, nurses and physiotherapists in the Andalusian Public Health Service for specific employment positions
	31/10/2006	Decree 190/2006, of the 31st of October, creating the Bajo Guadalquivir Public Health Company, approving its Statutes and modifying those of other public health companies
	14/11/2006	Agreement of the 14th of November 2006, of the Government Council, authorising the Board of Health to reach an agreement with the municipal council of Écija (Seville) for the integration of San Sebastián Hospital
	11/12/2006	Order of the 11th of December 2006, attributing the management of different health centres to the Bajo Guadalquivir Public Health Company
Aragon	24/02/2006	Order of the 24th of February 2006, regulating paediatric assistance in Primary Health Care in the Health System of Aragon
	04/04/2006	Decree 84/2006, of the 4th of April, modifying the Health Map of the Autonomous Community of Aragon
	05/10/2006	Order of the 5th of October 2006, regulating the collaboration agreement for the constitution of the Board of Health
Asturias	29/06/2006	Decree 4/2006, of the 12th of January, establishing the Haemovigilance system of the Principality of Asturias
	12/02/2006	Decree 80/2006, of the 29th of June, approving the Health Map of Asturias and setting up the guidelines for putting it into practice
Balearic Islands	21/04/2006	Decree 39/2006, of the 21st of April, approving the Statutes of the Public Board of Health of the Balearic Islands
Cantabria	13/10/2006	Decree 103/2006, of the 13th of October, modifying the basic structure of the Regional Board of Health and Social Services
Castile-La Mancha	08/05/2006	Order of the 8th of May 2006, modifying the health map of Castile-La Mancha in the basic zones of the Puertollano health service
	27/06/2006	Order of the 27th of June 2006, of the administrative, territorial and functional structure of the hospitals and specialized health centres of Albacete, Almansa and Villarrobledo
	09/10/2006	Order of the 9th of October 2006, modifying the health map of Castile-La Mancha in the basic zones of the Guadalajara health service

Comunidad Autónoma	Fecha	Denominación
Catalonia	14/03/2006	Decree 38/2006, of the 14th of March, regulating the creation of territorial government health agencies
	18/07/2006	Decree 298/2006, of the 18th of July, regulating the Haemotherapy network and creating the Haemovigilance system of Catalonia
Valencian Community	13/01/2006	Decree 1/2006, of the 13th of January, modifying the Decree 26/2005, of the 4th of February, which approved the administrative and functional regulations of the Board of Health
	21/04/2006	Decree 56/2006, of the 21st of April was passed, approving the administrative and functional regulations of the Health Service Inspectorate of the Board of Health
Extremadura	16/05/2006	Decree 92/2006, of the 16th of May, establishing the organization and function of the mental health service in the Autonomous Community of Extremadura
Galicia	23/02/2006	Decree 45/2006, of the 23rd of February, establishing the administrative structure of the Board of Health
	23/02/2006	Decree 46/2006, of the 23rd of February, establishing the administrative structure of the Health Service of Galicia
Navarre	03/07/2006	Foral Decree 45/2006, of the 3rd of July, approving the Statutes of the Health Service of Navarre-Osasunbidea
Rioja	03/07/2006	Decree 13/2006, of the 3rd of February, regulating blood donorship and haemotherapy in the Autonomous Community of La Rioja

Prevention, control and monitoring of illnesses. The Autonomous Communities have coincided in creating organs and organizations aimed at particular health problems, such as the prevention, control and monitoring of the epidemiological progression of the flu virus (Asturias⁴¹, Canary Islands⁴², Cantabria⁴³ and Navarre⁴⁴), which are responsible for coordinating different measures at regional level to minimize the impact of a flu pandemic (table VII).

The Autonomous Communities have also coincided in the area of mental health, where a specific organisation has been created for dealing

41 Decree 19/2006, of the 22nd of February, creating the Committee for the prevention, control and monitoring of epidemiological evolution of the flu virus in the Principality of Asturias.

42 Decree 72/2006, of the 31st of May, regulating the organizational structure for preparing and responding to a possible flu pandemic in the Canary Islands.

43 Decree 22/2006, of the 23rd of February, creating the Regional Committee for the prevention, control and monitoring of epidemiological evolution of the flu virus in Cantabria.

44 Foral order 6/2006, of the 20th of January, creating the Operative Committee of the regional plan for preparing for and responding to flu pandemic.

Table VII. Fundamental legislation for the prevention, control and monitoring of illnesses, by autonomous community and date,

Autonomous community	Date	Title
Andalusia	22/02/2006	Order of the 22nd of February 2006, which incorporates the vaccination against varicella into the calendar of vaccinations for Andalusia
	05/04/2006	Order of the 5th of April 2006, which bans bathing for health reasons in diverse bathing areas of Andalusia
	05/05/2006	Resolution of the 15th of May 2006, of the General Directorate of Public Health and Participation, in which applications from Local Groups are invited for subsidies in the financial year of 2006 for programmes to prevent Human Brucellosis
	01/09/2006	Order of the 1st of September 2006, modifying the dosage of conjugate vaccine against meningococcal C and vaccination against hepatitis B in the calendar of vaccinations for Andalusia
	25/07/2006	Order 150/2006, of the 25th of July, which develops the Law 28/2005, of the 26th of December, of health measures to counter tobacco addiction and regulate the sale, supply, consumption and advertising of tobacco products and matters related to signs and smoking zones
Aragon	04/07/2006	Order of the 4th of July, provisionally regulating the figure of the Mental Health Coordinator within the Health Service
Asturias	22/02/2006	Decree 19/2006, of the 22nd of February, creating the Committee for the prevention, control and monitoring of epidemiological evolution of the fluvirus in the Principality of Asturias
	29/06/2006	Decree 79/2006, of the 29th of June, creating the Advisory Council on Drug Addiction
Balearic Islands	23/01/2006	Order of the 23rd of January 2006, which modifies the order of the 7th of May 2004, regulating the Institutional Committee on Mental Health and the Technical Steering Committee on Mental Health in the Balearic Islands
Canary Islands	31/05/2006	Decree 72/2006, of the 31st of May, regulating the organizational structure for preparing for and responding to a possible flu pandemic in the Canary Islands
Cantabria	15/12/2005	Agreement of the 15th of December 2005, on the Tobacco Dehabitation Unit (Udesta) within the Cantabrian Health Service
	23/02/2006	Decree 22/2006, of the 23rd of February, creating the Regional Committee for the prevention, control and monitoring of epidemiological evolution of the flu virus in Cantabria
Castile and León	05/10/2006	Decree 69/2006, of the 5th of October, regulating the Epidemiological Vigilance Network of Castile and Leon.
	13/10/2006	Order SAN/1,593/2006, of the 13th of October, regulating the organization and operation of the Sentinel Health Network of Castile and Leon.
	27/12/2006	Order SAN/2,128/2006, of the 27th of December, regulating the System of Illnesses of Obligatory Disclosure of Castile and Leon
Castile-La Mancha	17/07/2006	Decree 95/2006, of the 17th of July, on the Ethics Committees within the Health Service of Castile-La Mancha
	03/04/2006	Circular 6/2006, of the 3rd of April, on the constitution and operation of the Health Ethics Committees.

Autonomous community	Date	Title
Catalonia	09/05/2006	Decree 128/2006, of the 9th of May, approving the Statute of the Health Protection Agency.
	24/10/2006	Decree 406/2006, of the 24th of October, regulating the requirements and accreditation procedures of the Ethical Committees on Clinical Research.
Valencian Community	15/12/2006	Order of the 15th of December 2005, which creates the Cancer Information System of the Community of Valencia.
Extremadura	13/02/2006	Order of the 13th of February 2006, which creates and regulates the Committee for the Compassionate Use of Medicine within the Health Services of the Community.
Madrid	02/03/2006	Decree 25/2006, of the 2nd of March, approving the organizational and operative regulations of the Regional Observatory on Drug Addiction and other Addictive Disorders of the Community of Madrid.
	11/05/2006	Order 1010/2006, of the 11th of May, which modifies Order 1,940/2005, of the 23rd of December, which creates and regulates the Regional Committee for Palliative Care, and the Scientific and Technical Committee on Palliative Care in the Community of Madrid.
	22/12/2006	Act 4/2006, of the 22nd of December, of financial and administrative measures
Navarre	20/01/2006	Foral order 6/2006, of the 20th of January, creating the Operative Committee of the regional plan for preparing for and responding to flu pandemic.

with mental health issues (Aragon⁴⁵ and Balearic Islands⁴⁶), and also in relation with drug addiction (Asturias⁴⁷ and Madrid⁴⁸).

Besides these, several Autonomous Communities have created organs and organisms to deal with other specific areas: The Health Protection Agency was created by the Act 7/203, of Health Protection in Catalonia⁴⁹; The Tobacco Dehabituating Unit of Cantabria⁵⁰; the Institute of Nutrition and Eating Disorders of the Community of Madrid⁵¹; the regional Committee

45 Order of the 4th of July, provisionally regulating the figure of the Mental Health Coordinator within the Health Service.

46 Order of the 23rd of January 2006, which modifies the order of the 7th of May 2004, regulating the Institutional Committee on Mental Health and the Technical Steering Committee on Mental Health in the Balearic Islands.

47 Decree 79/2006, of the 29th of June, creating the Advisory Council on Drug Addiction.

48 Decree 25/2006, of the 2nd of March, approving the organizational and operative regulations of the Regional Observatory on Drug Addiction and other Addictive Disorders of the Community of Madrid.

49 Decree 128/2006, of the 9th of May, approving the Statute of the Health Protection Agency.

50 Agreement of the 15th of December 2005, on the Tobacco Dehabituating Unit (Udesta) within the Cantabrian Health Service.

51 Act 4/2006, of the 22nd of December, of financial and administrative measures of the Community of Madrid.

on Palliative Care of the Community of Madrid⁵²; the Ethics Committees on Health Care and Research in Castile-La Mancha and Catalonia⁵³, and the Committee on the Compassionate Use of Medicine in Extremadura⁵⁴.

The Autonomous Communities have also created networks and systems which function as organizational solutions based on coordination, such as the Epidemiological Vigilance Network to detect the appearance, frequency and distribution, and variations in health issues and their determinants⁵⁵, within which the System of Illnesses of Obligatory Disclosure⁵⁶ and the Sentinel Health Network⁵⁷ have been set up, as has the Cancer Information System of the Valencian Community⁵⁸.

Andalusia has drawn up agreements to programme chiropody for diabetics (Order of the 13th of November 2006) and dental care for persons with severe disability (Order of the 29th of November 2006).

52 Order 1010/2006, of the 11th of May, which modifies Order 1.940/2005, of the 23rd of December, which creates and regulates the Regional Committee for Palliative Care, and the Scientific and Technical Committee on Palliative Care in the Community of Madrid.

53 Decree 95/2006, of the 17th of July, on the Ethics Committees within the Health Service of Castile-La Mancha. Circular 6/2006 on the constitution and functioning of Ethics Committees for Health care and Decree 406/2006, of the 24th of October, regulating the requirements and accreditation procedures of the Ethical Committees on Clinical Research.

54 Order of the 13th of February 2006, which creates and regulates the Committee for the Compassionate Use of Medicine within the Health Services of the Community.

55 Decree 69/2006, of the 5th of October, regulating the Epidemiological Vigilance Network of Castile and Leon.

56 Order SAN/2,128/2006, of the 27th of December, regulating the System of Illnesses of Obligatory Disclosure of Castile and Leon.

57 Orden SAN/1,593/2006, of the 13th of October, regulating the organization and operation of the Sentinel Health Network of Castile and Leon.

58 Order of the 15th of December 2005, which creates the Cancer Information System of the Valencian Community.