



NFU signs agreement with VWS for extra funding for middle groups

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Today, 27 September 2021, the NFU, together with other healthcare branches, signed the agreement with the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS) for extra financial means for healthcare personnel. The Cabinet and the Ministry of VWS have made this funding available for the middle groups in healthcare.

“We consider this a recognition and appreciation of our professionals who work day and night in healthcare. Together with other sectoral organisations, we have been asking for attention to be paid to this issue urgently,” said NFU chair Margriet Schneider. “During the COVID-19 pandemic, the societal appreciation of healthcare professionals was immense. It is good news that the Ministry of VWS and the Cabinet have now decided to translate this appreciation into investment by implementing the recommendations in the [SER advisory report](#). This first step will reduce the gap in salary structure for the healthcare professionals in the middle groups compared to the public sector and the market sector. With the Cao-agreement 2022-2023 that we signed earlier this month with NU'91, we anticipated the recommendations in the SER report. We are now going to explore the best use of this additional funding.”

The additional funding is being made available by the government by increasing the percentage of the government's contribution to labour cost development (OVA) for 2022 by 1.13%.
