

## BELGIUM

### Changes in the pharmaceutical system – end 2011/2012

#### - Price changes:

price cut on April 2012 (linear price cut of 1,95 % or price cuts on medicines of choice by pharmaceutical company resulting in an identical saving)

#### - Margin changes (wholesale, pharmacies)

April 2012: indexation basic fee pharmacist

#### - Discounts / rebates: no changes

#### - No change in the VAT (on medicines)

#### - Changes in pricing policies: none

#### - Changes / modifications of reimbursement lists: none

### Measures under discussion or planned

#### - Price reviews:

(draft law – July 2012): price review of on-patent medicines (EPR)

#### - Changes / modification of co-payment:

(draft law – April 2012):

- new reimbursement categories (Fa and Fb) related to the “reimbursement ceiling”
- similar to the existing categories A and B (same formulas and maximum levels)

#### - Changes / modification in reference price systems: see *Generic policies*

#### - Reimbursement reviews:

(draft law – April 2012) PPI review: application of a “reimbursement ceiling”

#### - Other changes / modifications of the reimbursement system:

(draft law – April 2012): Introduction of the “reimbursement ceiling”

- a maximum reimbursement set per treatment/...
- a maximum reimbursement level per molecule / dosage/ pack size

#### - Changes / modification of generic policies: see *Generic policies*