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Pricing

- Price policies for pharmaceuticals

Statutory pricing - The State regulates the prices of the PO medicines and registers the prices of the OTC medicines. Prices of OTC drugs follow a simplified regulatory process.

- Wholesale Mark-ups

Regressive scheme of the mark-ups, valid only for POM.

- Pharmacy Mark-ups

Regressive mark-ups for POM

- VAT

Standard VAT in Bulgaria is 20%. No exclusion or lower VAT for pharmaceuticals.

- Reforms

The current pricing system exists since 2000, but has undergone through some amendments. The procedure for statutory pricing of OTC products was simplified in 2003.

Reimbursement

- Positive / negative list

Positive Drug List since 2003. In 2006, it included 574 INN – 2473 TN and consists of two parts – A and B.

Reimbursement lists of NHIF and MoH, based on the Positive list.

- Reference Price System

Yes, 2002

- Co-payment

Percentage co-payment according to 4 reimbursement groups of medicines

- Mechanisms for vulnerable groups

No mechanisms in place to protect vulnerable groups.

- Reforms

2003: First Positive list was introduced

2007: New Act on Pharmaceuticals