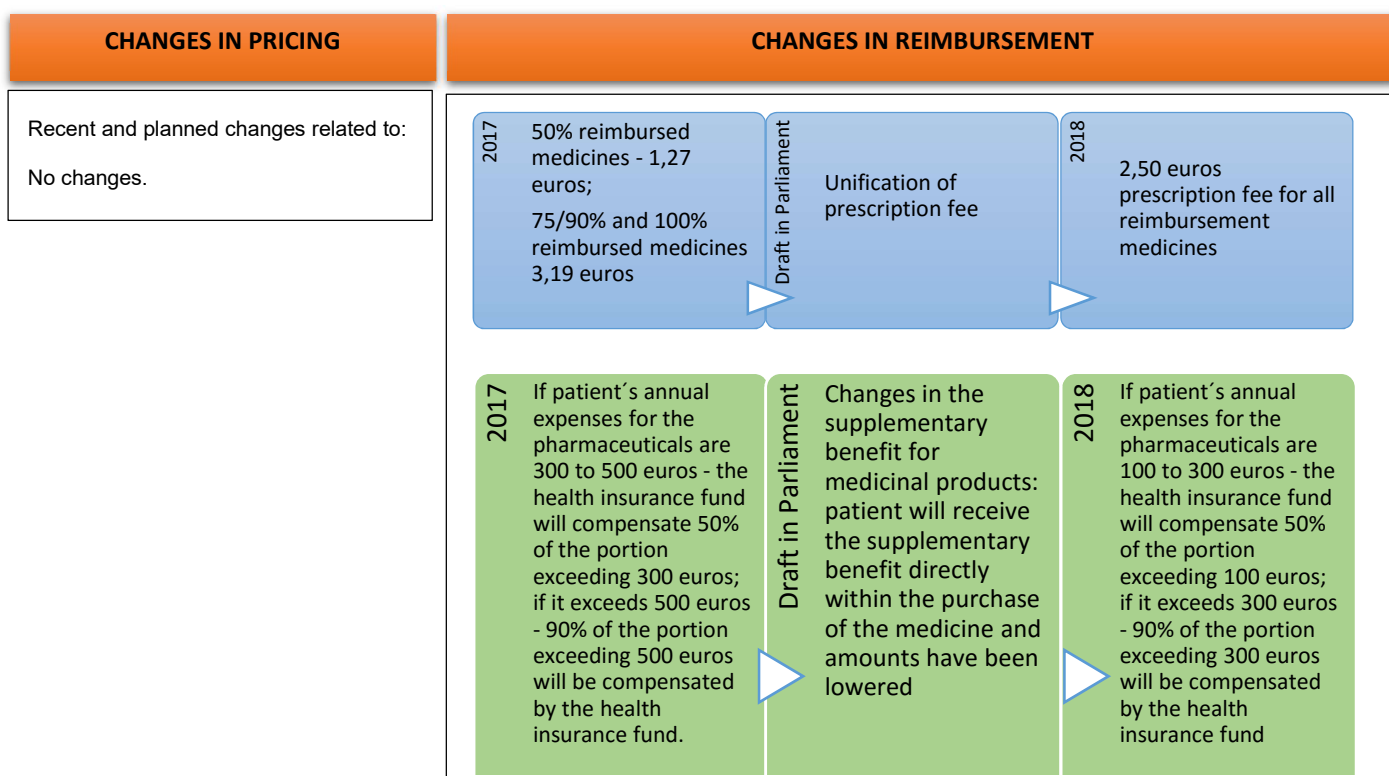


ESTONIA

Recent and planned developments in pharmaceutical policies 2017

Special topic: hospital medicines



OTHER CHANGES

Recent and planned changes related to:

- Transfer of all pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement from the Ministry of Social Affairs to the Estonian Health Insurance Fund (process will be kept unchanged in overall and the concerned staff will move together) – from 1.01.2018

SPECIAL TOPIC: HOSPITAL MEDICINES

Organization of hospital medicines in Estonia:

- Main purchasing policy of pharmaceuticals – tender.
- All hospitals carry out their own procurements.
- Hospital prices are not available to the public.
- Hospital pharmaceuticals are financed through according DRG-s or single medicinal services, paid by Health Insurance Fund.
- HTA Analyses in the in-patient care have been performed in single cases and retrospectively.
- Digital record and information exchange channel between hospital sector and General Practitioners has been created, but the collaboration is not as smooth as expected yet.
- Main challenges in 2018 regarding hospital medicines in Estonia: further unification of the pricing and reimbursement procedures in the in- and out-patient care.

Pharmaceutical expenditure in the in-patient sector: EUR 64,2 Mio in 2016, 62,3 Mio in 2015