

SLOVENIA

Recent and planned developments in pharmaceutical policies 2017

Special topic: hospital medicines

CHANGES IN PRICING

- regular semi-annual price reviews (external price referencing for all medicines that are financed from public funds or intended to finance from public funds - 4200) - ongoing

CHANGES IN REIMBURSEMENT

- changes/modifications of reimbursement lists
- changes/modifications of reimbursement rates
- changes/modifications of co-payment
- changes/modifications in the reference price system (methodology)
- reimbursement reviews
- other changes/modifications of the reimbursement system

Depends on new Health Care and Health Insurance Act, which is still under consideration, all changes are possible.

OTHERS CHANGES

- new Health Care and Health Insurance Act under consideration

SPECIAL TOPIC: HOSPITAL MEDICINES

- **Procurement:**
 - Joint tender for all hospitals for most of the hospital medicines;
 - Hospitals carry out their own procurement according to the tender;
 - Hospital prices are not published, but are available to the public in accordance with the Public Information Access Act;
- **How are hospital medicines financed/reimbursed?**
 - Costs for medicines are included in the diagnosis-related groups (DRG)-based hospital payment
 - expensive ampouled medicines (List B medicines) separately paid to hospitals for treatment for in-patients, most of them ATC B or L)
 - Patients do not have to provide extra payments for medicines they receive during their stay in hospital.
- **HTA:**
 - Are there Health Technology Assessments (HTA) performed in the in-patient sector in your country?
 - There is no HTA body in Slovenia
- **Interface management:**
 - Samples supply;
 - Prescribed medicines may be changed in the out-patient sector and vice versa;
- Main challenges in 2017 regarding hospital medicines in your country?
 - Improvement of tendering for medicines and MD

Additionally, please state the pharmaceutical expenditure in the in-patient sector of recent years. **173 Mio € in 2016**