

Changes in pricing

Pricing is regulated for medicines from new EML:
purchase price + 10 % wholesale mark-up + 25 % retail
mark-up

Changes in reimbursement

Since the 1st of January 2017: Pilot project on
reimbursement of insulins (8 INNs, 70 brand names).
Reference price registry is approved by MoH.

Since the 1st of April 2017: State Programme “Affordable
Medicines”: 21 INN (approx. 415 brand names) – medicines
for cardiovascular diseases, bronchial asthma, diabetes
mellitus of II type (except insulins). *Now the Government is
deciding on broadening this programme to other diseases.*

Since the 1st of January 2018: free of charge or 50 %
discount dispensing for subsidised categories of patients will
be limited to EML (now any INNs).

Other changes

- **National Essential Medicines List** was approved by government on 16th of March 2017.

Use: pricing (see above);

dispensing for subsidised categories of patients since 01st of January 2018

public procurements since 01st of January 2019.

The EML shall be updated annually.

Special topic: hospital medicines

Procurements: tendering on **electronic** platform, since 1st of August 2016 **obligatory** for public health facilities

state budget ⇒ international procurement agencies (Crown Agents, UNDP, UNICEF) ⇒ oncology, orphan diseases, transplantation, hepatitis, vaccines etc. (list is approved by Government) *Till 01st of January 2019*

local budgets ⇒ hospitals own procurements ⇒ now any medicines, since the 01st of January 2018 medicines from EML to cover 100 % need, if budget is enough they may procure other medicines according to their needs.

2016 = €286.3 mln (94.7 mln packages)

1st half of 2017 = €87.5 mln. (30.66 mln packages)

international procurements: 2016 €125.2 mln (265.2 mln packages)