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Recent and planned changes in pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement and overview of the medical devices system

P H A R M A C E U T I C A L S	<p>Changes in pricing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Price Commission has decided to disapprove the drug prices higher than last year for all the reimbursed drugs. • Starting from March 1st, mark-ups change from 14% to 11% for the wholesalers and, from 29% to 25% for the pharmacies. • From April 1st all the medicines are exempted from VAT 10%. 	<p>Changes in reimbursement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From April 1st a new Drug Reimbursement List is in place. • The new list has 56 new active principles more. Mostly related to treatments for Ca, Hepatitis, cardiovascular diseases, post renal transplantation, etc. • Different and lower mark-ups are applied for all the reimbursed drugs. The average mark-up for the wholesaler goes from 9.13% to 7.2%. And for the pharmacy the average mark-up goes from 22.62% to 19.6%.
	<p>Other changes related to medicines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an ongoing discussion between all health authorities and Pharmacists Order on reviewing the whole Drugs Law. 	
M E D . D E V I C E S	<p>Pricing and reimbursement system of medical devices</p> <p>There aren't any special policies on pricing and reimbursement of medical devices in Albania.</p> <p><u>Price regulation</u>: Prices of medical devices are freely set by the manufacturers or importers.</p> <p><u>Reimbursement</u>: there is an discussion on reimbursement of some medical devices extensively used but no decisions has been taken yet.</p>	