





# **Albania**

Flowchart of the pharmaceutical system in the in- and out-patient sector, 2011



#### **OUT-PATIENTS**

# **Distributors**

PRICING at wholesale and harmacy level

Wholesalers: Maximum mark-up 14% of the ex factory price divided between Importers 10% and distributors 4%.

Pharmacies: Maximum mark up 29% of the wholesaler price.

Recently changed by Council of Ministers Decision Nr. 543 dt.27.7.2011

VAT: standart rate is 20%, for all medicines is 10%, after 1 February 2011

# **Rimbursed Drugs:**

Diferent mark up scheme at wholesale and pharmacy level

(Average wholesale mark-up 9.1%, Average pharmacy mark-up 22.6%)

## **Drugs Reimbursement List**

Health Care Insurance Institute - the administering body, third party payer.

MoH, Drugs Reimbursement List Commission – regulatory body, decision making authority

Criteria: price referencing, cost effectiveness

**List composition**: 236 active principles, 1066 trade names

Reimbursement percentage: 50-100%

Exemption from co payment: 10 people categories

**Public Hospitals** 

**IN-PATIENTS** 

Wholesalers: Maximum mark up to 10% of the ex factory price

### **Ministry of Health**

<u>Task:</u> Preparing the hospital pharmaceutical formulary on yearly basis <u>Criteria:</u> pharmacological, medical therapeutic.

#### **Health Care Insurance Institute**

<u>Task:</u> Monitoring all pharmaceutical expenses

<u>Criteria:</u> prescription guidelines, pharmaceutical formulary of MoH.

#### **Regional Hospitals**

<u>Task:</u> Tendering medicines <u>Criteria:</u> only active principles listed and approved by MoH

REIMBURSEMENT