

## BELGIUM

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

PHARMACEUTICALS	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Changes in pricing</b></p> <p>01.01.2014:</p> <p>Reference reimbursement system: increased reduction % (-31% → -32,5%)</p> <p>Price reduction for biological medicines: -7,5% 18 years after initial reimbursement of the molecule</p> <p>Ceiling price for sartans and statins</p> <p>Indexation basic fee pharmacist (4,11 → 4,16 euros)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Changes in reimbursement</b></p> <p>01.01.2014:</p> <p>Annual indexation co-payment ceilings</p> <p>Reference reimbursement system: increased reduction % (-31% → -32,5%)</p>
<p><b>Other changes related to medicines</b></p> <p>2014: Tax for orphan drugs (orphan drugs were exempted until 2014)</p> <p>May 2014: "cheap drugs": if a 15% price reduction is applied to a biological → considered as a "cheap" pharmaceutical (prescription quota)</p> <p>01.01.2015: Introduction of a tariffication per unit per week for oral-solid pharmaceuticals dispensed by pharmacists (out-patient sector) to patients in residential care (royal decrees published – implementation period foreseen) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new reimbursement level per unit</li> <li>• new co-payment per unit</li> <li>• new average dispensing fee per week for pharmacists</li> </ul>	
MEDICAL DEVICES	
Pricing and reimbursement system of medical devices	
<b>Competent authorities:</b>	
marketing authorisation	Federal Agency for medicines and health products
pricing	Pricing department of the Federal Public Service Economy, S.M.E.s, Self-employed and Energy
reimbursement	National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance
	<p>01.07.2014 (new royal decree in final stage of officialisation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New commission for implants (procedure similar to pharmaceuticals)</li> <li>• New list of reimbursed medical acts</li> <li>• Positive nominative lists of devices for some medical acts</li> </ul>