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

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	<p>Other changes related to medicines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25/07/2013: Generic prescription enabled (indicative) • 01/01/2014: Hospital stay fee cancelled (was approx. €3.6 per day). Plans on cancellation of other fees (dispensing fee, clinical examination fee, currently approx. €1.1). 	
<p>M E D I C E S</p>	<p>Pricing and reimbursement system of medical devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price: prices of medical devices are not regulated. No competent authority for pricing is established. List of medical devices is available at www.RZPRO.cz. • Reimbursement price: based on Act No. 48/1997 Coll., on Public Health Insurance and on Amendments to Some Related Acts. Reimbursement prices are published by insurance fund: http://www.vzp.cz/poskytovatele/ciselniky/zdravotnicke-prostredky <p>IN-PATIENT CARE – represents approx. 2/3 of all medical devices. Generally 100 % reimbursement rate (based on the least expensive variant in the cluster) is applied. Common hospital devices (e.g. needles, bandages) are financed as part of the health service (DRG reimbursement). Extra financing of expensive medical (hardware) devices (CTs, X-ray etc.) is established.</p> <p>OUT-PATIENT CARE - represents approx. 1/3 of all medical devices. Positive (185 clusters) and negative list (23 clusters) are defined by Act No. 48/1997 Coll. Reimbursement rate is 100 % of the least expensive variant in the cluster of medical devices defined by the positive list. Medical devices not listed on the positive or negative list are reimbursed at 75 % rate (Act No. 48/1997 Coll.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently new Act on Medical Devices is in the legislation process: Should lead to unifying the agenda of “registration” of medical devices by establishing single registry of all safe and effective MDs in the Czech Republic (currently 7 competent institutions operate in the area). In the future, reimbursement of MDs in out-patient sector will be decided by the State Institute for Drug Control (SÚKL) also with the use of HTA principles. 	