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



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## Changes in pricing

- official obligation of price agreement review of reimbursed pharmaceuticals on a yearly basis – implemented 26.04.2014
- margin changes (wholesale, pharmacy)- under early discussion
- change of reference countries in EPR – switch from Hungary to Slovakia in the basket of main reference countries (Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia) – implemented 26.04.2014



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## Changes in reimbursement

- extended list of reimbursed food supplements – vitamins and minerals for rare heritable metabolic diseases – implemented 26.04.2014
- extended list of reimbursed medical devices – emollients for severe ichthyosis - implemented 26.04.2014
- reimbursement application of Orphan medicines – simplified requirements regarding the language of application materials and pharmacoeconomic analysis – will be implemented soon



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## Other changes

- Several measures for termination of vertical integration on the pharmaceutical market (pharmacist = health care specialist, independence of the pharmacist in the management of pharmacy) – under discussion
- Termination of demographic and geographic restrictions, regarding the establishment of pharmacies – under discussion
- Bus pharmacy = branch pharmacy – under discussion



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## Pricing and reimbursement system of medical devices

- **Competent authority** – Estonian Health Insurance Fund
- **Price regulation** – reference prices and/or price agreements
- **Reimbursement** – 90% or 50% from reference or agreed price, according to the list (50% if there are alternatives for the use of device)
- **Price sources** – application from the manufacturer, market data