

## FINLAND

### 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Changes in pricing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01/01/2013: <b>VAT</b> on medicines raised from 9% to 10%.</li> <li>01/02/2013: <b>5% price cut</b> on reasonable wholesale prices of reimbursable medicinal products not included in the Reference Price System.</li> <li>01/01/2014: Formula to calculate <b>pharmacy margins</b> changed.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Changes in reimbursement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01/02/2013: <b>changes in reimbursement rates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic Reimbursement rate from 42% to 35%</li> <li>Lower Special Reimbursement rate from 72% to 65%</li> <li>Higher Special Reimbursement rate remained at 100%</li> </ul> </li> <li>01/01/2013, <b>annual co-payment ceiling was lowered</b> to 670 €. In 2012 the ceiling was 701 €.</li> <li>01/01/2014, <b>annual co-payment ceiling was lowered</b> to 610 €.</li> </ul>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other changes related to medicines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01/01/2016 Planned savings from health insurance reimbursements for medicines (26 Million €).</li> <li>01/01/2016 Planned implementation of an approx. €40–50 annual threshold to be paid in full by the patient before receiving reimbursements. The generated savings would allow the Basic Reimbursement rate to be increased and the annual co-payment ceiling to be lowered.</li> </ul>	
M E D I C A L D E V I C E S	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pricing and reimbursement system of medical devices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Competent authority:</u> The National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health (Valvira) monitors the compliance of medical devices with the legislation and regulations, monitors the marketing of medical devices and promotes their safe use. The Pharmaceuticals Pricing Board regulates prices of reimbursable medicinal packages which include both a device and a medicine.</li> <li><u>Price regulation:</u> Pricing of medical devices is statutorily not regulated and can be freely set by the manufacturers. In cases where the device is packed in the same package with the medicine, the regulated price includes them both.</li> <li><u>Reimbursement:</u> Only devices packed in the same package with the medicine can be reimbursed via health insurance. The responsibility for distributing and financing medical devices used by a patient in the treatment of chronic conditions lies with the municipalities as part of their overall responsibility for organising and financing public healthcare.</li> <li><u>Price sources/prices known:</u> There is no overview of prices of medical devices in Finland.</li> </ul>	