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Pricing

- **Price policies for pharmaceuticals**
free pricing for ex-factory prices
- **Aut-idem**
Generic-Drug-Rule for Low-Price-Products: health insurance can decide on supplier by contract (aut idem)
- **Pharmacy discounts**
Rebates for products free from reference-prices: 6 % for sickness funds
- **VAT**
19% standard rate also on pharmaceuticals
- **Reforms**
2007: SHI Competition Enhancement Act (GKV-Wettbewerbsstärkungsgesetz / GKV-WSG)

Reimbursement

- **Positive List**
No
- **Reference Price System**
Yes
- **Reimbursement limitations**
Reimbursement limited by reference-prices
OTC and life-style could be excluded
- **Co-payment**
Co-payment 10 %, min. 5 Euro; max. 10
Low price (less than 30% below reference price) can be excluded from co-payment by negotiation
- **Mechanisms for vulnerable groups**
exemption from prescription fees for socially disadvantaged groups
Maximum co-payment of 2% of personal income/year