



## CROATIA

### Recent and planned developments in pharmaceutical policies 2015 Pre-launch activities: horizon scanning and forecasting



D E V E L O P M E N T S	Changes in pricing	Changes in reimbursement
	<p><b>01/01/2015: 5% VAT rate applies for medicinal products that are approved as prescription drugs</b>, according to their marketing authorization, which have been granted by Croatian Agency for Medicinal products and Medical devices or the European Commission; this provision applies for all medicinal products included in the Basic and Supplementary Lists of Medicinal Products of the Croatian Health Insurance Fund (CHIF) and applies also for medicinal products which are included in the Lists with their nonproprietary name (do not have marketing authorization in Croatia). <b>25% VAT rate applies for OTC medicinal products.</b></p> <p><b>Implementation from 04/15: price reduction was achieved for more than 950 reimbursable drug packaging</b> during the tender procedure/public auction for determining drug prices for the medicines which are included on the Basic and Supplementary List of CHIF.</p> <p>By the end of 2014: All achieved cost savings are used to add new drugs to the lists. Negotiations are held with the marketing authorization holder (MAH) and <b>for new medicines are made entry-agreements: CHIF concludes financial agreements (pay-back)</b> with MAH (for 8 new expensive and orphan drugs).</p>	<p>There are two reimbursed lists for medicines (drugs): <b>medicines on Basic List</b> are available to patients for free (<b>100 % reimbursement</b>) and <b>for the medicines included in Supplementary List patient participates in the payment</b> with determined amount (one part-referent price of the price for medicine is covered by CHIF and the rest participates insured person). <b>In both lists are included original and generic/biosimilar medicines</b> based on criteria and methods for determining the price wholesale and public auction for reference pricing. Accepting reference price by public auction and lower initial price, medicines are included on the Basic list. <b>Reimbursement in the hospital sector and for drugs included on the List of expensive drugs is 100%.</b></p> <p><b>Implementation from 04/15: change in the reimbursement rate (reducing rate and removed from some medicines)</b> – the reference drug price is the lowest price of medicines which guarantees the medicine market and is 100% reimbursed by CHIF. This price was determined in <b>procedure Therapeutic Reference Pricing (TRP)</b>. This procedure, which is performed in accordance with the prescribed Ordinance, prices for medicines are reduced <b>approximately 8%</b>.</p>
	Other changes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>guidelines for economic prescribing:</b> recommendations (nonbinding) for prescribing cheaper (INN) medicines from reimbursed lists</li> <li>• improved <b>prescription monitoring; statistical data on consumption of all medicines on real time basis</b></li> <li>• <b>CHIF services provide review of “Realised recepies” in e-form</b> and it is available for every insured person</li> <li>• Basic and Supplementary lists of medicines <b>public available</b> on the website of CHIF (<a href="http://www.hzzo.hr">www.hzzo.hr</a>) where is possible to see the <b>prices of reimbursed medicines</b> (whole price, reference price covered by CHIF and co-payment)</li> <li>• <b>fully implemented system of prescribing and for dispensing medicines through e-prescription</b> (due to informatisation of primary health care system insured person can get medicine prescribed by primary care physician in any pharmacy in Croatia)</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ conducting activities concerning the improvement of using horizon scanning</li> <li>➤ preparing financial agreements between CHIF and MAH: contracts/ agreements based on paying for performance and risk-sharing agreements</li> </ul>	