

LATVIA

Recent and planned developments in pharmaceutical policies 2014

Policies related to high cost medicines

D E V E L O P M E N T S	Changes in pricing	Changes in reimbursement
	No changes	01/01/2014: For children up to age 18 the pharmaceuticals included in the Positive list are 100% reimbursed (generally reimbursement rate is diagnosis related).
Other changes		
01/01/2014: Joining the EURO-zone		
S P E C I A L T O P I C	High cost medicines	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Special pricing policies:</u> There are no special pricing policies for high cost medicines in Latvia • <u>Special reimbursement/funding policies:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special program for reimbursement of medicines for children with rare diseases - Reimbursement list C contains pharmaceuticals which are considered not to be interchangeable and (1) the cost per patient per year exceeds € 4,270 and (2) special medical restrictions cannot be applied to bear the expenditure. NHS and manufacturer conclude the agreement on reimbursement of pharmaceutical. • <u>High cost medicines at the interface of out-patient and in-patient sectors:</u> After discharge from the hospital the patient gets reimbursement if the medicine is included in the Positive List • <u>Key challenges and solutions:</u> Scarce budget resources for reimbursement of medicines 	