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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	Changes in pricing	Changes in reimbursement
	<i>No changes</i>	<i>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).</i>
	Other changes related to medicines	
	<i>01/01/2014: Joining the EURO-zone</i>	

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Pricing and reimbursement system of medical devices

- **Competent authority:** *The National Health Service is responsible for elaboration of the Positive list of reimbursable medical devices (the decision on reimbursement of medical devices is application based).*
- **Price regulation:** *General principles of the reimbursement system of pharmaceuticals and medical devices are set out in Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No.899 of 31 October 2006.*
For medical devices the same pricing principles are applied as for reimbursable pharmaceuticals:
 - *free pricing at the manufacturer's price level, regressive wholesale and pharmacy mark up schemes set by the Regulation;*
 - *external and internal reference pricing.*
- **Reimbursement:** *According to the Regulation the following medical devices are reimbursed:*

Group of medical devices	Reimbursement rate*	Reimbursement restrictions
<i>Incontinence products</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>Reimbursed in cases of mid and severe urinary incontinence</i>
<i>Valved holding chambers</i>	<i>50%</i>	-
<i>Stoma care products</i>	<i>100%</i>	-
<i>Blood glucose test strips</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>For patients of diabetes 3 months before pregnancy and within the period of pregnancy</i>
	<i>75%</i>	<i>For patients of diabetes who use insulin</i>
	<i>50%</i>	<i>For patients of diabetes who use oral antidiabetic medicines</i>

** Since 01/01/2014 for children up to age 18 the medical devices included in the Positive list are 100% reimbursed*

- **Price sources/prices known:** *The prices of reimbursable medical devices are available on the webpage of the National Health Service (<http://www.vmnvd.gov.lv>).*