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The pharmaceutical system in the Republic of Macedonia in the in- and out-patient sector

The Government regulates the prices of prescription medicines and medicines on the Essential Drug List with Law on Medicinal Products and Medical Devices. Pricing policies for medicines Medicines Wholesale mark-ups Ministry of Finance Regressive scheme wholesales mark-ups 9-15% of medicines cost not Pharmacy mark-ups Regressive scheme mark-ups 15-30% of medicines cost <u>VAT</u> Ministry of Health Standard rate 18% Reduced rate for medicines 5% Reforms Law on Medicinal Products and Medical Devices (2007) Transformation of the Bureau of Medicines into Medicines Agency (2010) Modifications in the Law on Medicinal Products and Medical Devices -Health Insurance Fund ereased articles on fixed mark-ups (2010) **Medicines** (HIF) Modifications in Rules on Determination of of Prices of Medicinal Products Agency according to the modifications of the Medicines Law – in process (2011) Positive List of Medicines for in-patients and out-patients (with different codes) In total 440 INN with more than 765 forms and strengths Reference pricing system since 2007 Co-payment includes: and in patient Regressive scheme according to the medicines reference prices, not more than 20% Difference between reimbursed price and fixed price **Reforms** Modifications in the Law on Health Care Insurance and related Rules (2007-Introduction of Reference pricing system (2007) Mechanisms for vulnerable groups Exempted from participation: special-needs children and particular cathegories of citizens according to specific government programmes Reimbursement Positive List for out-patient sector: 213 INN and more than 375 forms and strengths HIF pays the pharmacies the reference price of medicine and the fixed service out-patient sector fee (12-200 MKD) as regressive scheme according to medicines prices **Reforms** Modifications in the Law on Health Care Insurance and related Rules (2007-2011) Introduction of Reference pricing system (2007) Positive List for in-patient sector: 278 INN and more than 390 forms and strengths with specific code for hospital use Pharmacy mark-ups Hospitals get budgets from the HIF and use part of it for medicines in-patient sector procurement Hospitals make their medicines procurement plan and produce therapeutic formularies Hospital pharmacies are part of the hospitals, no service fee is paid to them Reforms Reference pricing system (2007) Central procurement of hospital medicines by HIF tenders until 2007 Decentralized hospital procurement in line with the Law for public procurement (2007)