


## Norway

### Recent and planned developments in pharmaceutical policies 2017

#### Special topic: e-health for medicines launched by public authorities or addressing them

D E V E L O P M E N T S	<p><b>CHANGES IN PRICING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01/01/2017: Changes in pharmacy mark-up formula             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More regressive: Pharmacy Purchasing Price &gt;200NOK (22 EUR); mark-up reduced from 2,5% to 2,25%</li> </ul> </li> <li>NOMA has assessed the stepped-price model and pharmacy mark-up model (report submitted to Ministry of Health in December 2016): The report with suggested changes is currently under review at the Ministry of Health.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CHANGES IN REIMBURSEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01/01/2017: Changes in reimbursement system for shipping of pharmaceuticals to patients that have difficult access to pharmacies. Change is due to opening of internet sales of prescription medicines.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% reimbursement of shipping costs discontinued</li> </ul> </li> <li>01/01/2017: Transfer of pharmaceuticals for treatment of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension from the National Insurance Scheme to the Regional Health Authorities</li> <li>01/05/2017: Transfer of more pharmaceuticals for treatment of Cancer from the National Insurance Scheme to the Regional Health Authorities</li> </ul>
	<p><b>OTHER CHANGES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01/01/2017: Wholesalers receive an additional 1% mark-up for holding a two-month emergency stock of critical out-patient pharmaceuticals.</li> </ul>	
S P E C I A L L  T O P I C	<p><b>E-HEALTH FOR MEDICINES</b></p>	
	<p><b>Measure:</b> National Electronic Prescription (eResept)</p> <p><b>Provided by:</b> Directorate of e-Health, Norwegian Medicines Agency</p> <p><b>Aim:</b> Electronic submission of prescriptions to national prescription database and pharmacy to 1) reduce incorrect medication and unwanted medication, 2) ease prescription and dispensing process, 3) increase control over national medications expenditures</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Patients, prescribers, pharmacies, Norwegian Health Economics Administration</p> <p><b>Further information:</b> National roll-out in 2013, hospitals and multidosage in 2014, online pharmacies in 2016</p>	
	<p><b>Measure:</b> National Summary Care Record (kjernejournal)</p> <p><b>Provided by:</b> Directorate of e-Health</p> <p><b>Aim:</b> "One citizen – one record" (vision Directorate of e-Health); Access to patients' critical information, medication, appointment record within the specialist health services and health personnel activity log to ensure fast and correct treatment</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> Health care professionals at out-of-hours service, medical centers, emergency departments, hospitals and GPs</p>	