

ALBANIA

Recent and planned developments in pharmaceutical policies 2018

Special topic: national incentives and derogatory procedures for orphan medicines

CHANGES IN PRICING

Drug pricing policy: External Reference Price: The lowest price in 5 countries of reference (Italy, Greece, Serbia, Macedonia and Croatia). The price of generic should not exceed 80% of brand's. (Since 01.10.2014, on-going)

Wholesalers : Maximum mark-up 11% of the CIF/ex-factory price divided between Importers 8% and distributors 3%.

Pharmacies: Maximum mark up 25% of the wholesaler price. Last change by Council of Ministers Decision Nr. 143 on 8.02.2015

VAT: standard rate is 20%, for all medicines is 0%

Reimbursement scheme: Diferent mark ups at wholesale and pharmacy level.

CHANGES IN REIMBURSEMENT

Drugs Reimbursement List

- Compulsory Health Care Insurance Fund - the administering body, third party payer.
- Reimbursement List reviewed on annually bases.
- Exemption from co-payment for almost all chronic diagnosis

(Change by Council of Ministers Act Nr. 946 on 28.12.2016)

OTHERS CHANGES

A new system on place for Electronic Prescriptions

(For the reimbursement scheme on the out-patient sector and managed by Compulsory Health Care Insurance Fund)

On-going from
September
2018

From 1st of January 2018 a list of reimbursement for Medical Devices is in place.

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