

CZECH REPUBLIC

Recent and planned developments in pharmaceutical policies 2017/2018

Special topic: patient involvement in pricing and reimbursement of medicines

CHANGES IN PRICING

- **01/01/2018:** Exclusion of Greece from external reference pricing (pricing basket only)

CHANGES IN REIMBURSEMENT

- **01/01/2018:** Changes of annual co-payment ceilings:
 - 1000 CZK for patients under 18 years and 65+ years (2500 CZK before)
 - 500 CZK for patient 70+ years (2500 CZK before)
 - 5000 CZK for other patients (without change)
- **01/01/2018:** Reimbursement of vaccines:
 - against HPV for boys
 - against invasive meningococcal infections, pneumococcal infections, invasive disease caused by Haemophilus influenzae type b and influenza for specific types of patients
 - against pneumococcal infections for persons 65+ years following by the recommendation of the National Immunization Committee

OTHERS CHANGES

- **01/12/2017:** Amendment relating to re-export regulation, mandatory MAHs delivery reports and pharmacy-distributor-MAH relations adjustment came into force
- **01/12/2017:** Distributors are required to deliver medicinal products demanded by dispensers of medicines within 2 days
- **01/01/2018:** Mandatory electronic prescription

SPECIAL TOPIC: Patient Involvement in Pricing and Reimbursement of Medicines

- **Patients**
 - are not directly systematically involved into pricing and reimbursement procedures of medicines or HTA
 - may request reimbursement of their own non-reimbursed treatment
 - if it is the only treatment option for them
 - it has to be approved by review doctor from the health insurance company
 About 90 % of requests are approved
- **Patient organizations**
 - can provide comments or suggestions during pricing and reimbursement procedures
 - can apply for a specific treatment program through which patients can get non-market authorized medicines; this program has specific conditions and is allowed only for cases of serious illnesses.
- **Patient Council**
 - established 04/08/2017 as an advisory body to the Ministry of Health
 - members are appointed from patient organizations by Minister for Health
 - can make suggestions in protection of patient's rights, fulfilment of patient's needs and comment on legislative and non-legislative proposals.