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Major reforms from 2007 till now

- Cap on the prescription fees at 2% of the net annual income of the insured – 1/2008
- Annual adjustments to the inflation rate (€0.10 per year) of the prescription fee – at the beginning of each year
- Reduction in VAT rate on pharmaceuticals from 20% to 10% – 1/2009

Current and planned measures

- Discussion on possible introduction of a reference price system and generic substitution (not implemented due to new elections)

Current pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement system (as of 2/2009)

Pricing

- Statutory pricing for reimbursable pharmaceuticals at ex-factory price level; external price referencing for reimbursable pharmaceuticals
- Wholesale mark up for all pharmaceuticals; 2 regressive schemes for different reimbursement categories
- Pharmacy mark for all pharmaceuticals; 2 regressive schemes for “privileged customers” like sickness funds and private customers
- VAT rate of 10% on pharmaceuticals (standard rate: 20%)

Reimbursement

- Positive list in place
- All pharmaceuticals on the positive list are 100% reimbursed
- No reference price system
- Prescription fee of € 4.90 per package

