



HUNGARY

National Health Insurance Fund

Major reforms from 2007 till now

- **Increasing co-payment** (1/2007): with 5 %, 15%, 25 % (in normative group); new categories in the indication dependent group: 70%, 50%. Minimum fix co-payment: 300 HUF (1 EUR)
- **Guided prescription** for doctors and for pharmacist through IT (1/2007)
- **Possibility for bid through on-line** at reference pricing (1/2007)
- **Special fix tax on the marketing agents** (1/2007)
- **Possibility for central IT query** for patients

Current and planned measures

- **Barcode on the prescription** to make easier and more accurate to report and account the reimbursement at pharmacy level (12/2009)
- **Developing the CEED database and the supporting structure**

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

Pricing

- **External price referencing** for reimbursable pharmaceuticals (13 EU Countries) taking into account the ex-factory price
- **Wholesale Mark-ups** for reimbursed pharmaceuticals, regressive scheme
- **Pharmacy Mark-ups** for reimbursed pharmaceuticals, regressive scheme
- **VAT rate** 5 % standard rate on pharmaceuticals

Reimbursement

- Positive list in place
- **Co-payment** normative: 15%, 45%, 75%; indication dependent: 10%, 30%, 50% or 300 HUF = 1,2 EUR
- **Reference Price System** since 1991 at ATC 7 level, but from 2000 at ATC 5 level too
- Mechanisms for vulnerable groups **exemption from co-payment** for socially disadvantaged groups