


Sweden

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 style="text-align: center;">CHANGES IN PRICING</p> <p>Temporary price and reimbursement</p> <p>A new regulation on individual formulations and pharmaceuticals authorised by other than EMA or the Swedish Medical Products Agency was adopted in April 2017.</p> <p>An implication of the regulation is that a previously non-authorized product may be included in the benefits scheme during the reviewing process – after receiving market authorisation – at the requested price. www.tlv.se/Upload/Lagar_och_foreskrifter/HSLF-FS_2017_29.pdf <i>(in Swedish)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHANGES IN REIMBURSEMENT</p> <p>Change in co-payment for contraceptives</p> <p>The government has adopted a new national policy that young adults (under 21 years) will receive free contraceptives, included in the reimbursement scheme, without any out-of-pocket payment from January 2017.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">OTHER CHANGES</p> <p>Pharma profile Sweden 2017</p> <p>A new version of the PPRI Pharma Profile report was published in April 2017. It provides an updated overview of the Swedish healthcare system with focus on pricing and reimbursement of pharmaceuticals. www.tlv.se/Upload/English/PPRI_Pharma_Profile_Sweden_2017.pdf <i>(in English)</i></p> <p>Revised guidelines for economic evaluations</p> <p>TLV has updated the general guidelines for economic evaluations. The main changes are focused on clarifying the practice that TLV applies when choosing an alternative for comparison. www.tlv.se/Upload/Lagar_och_foreskrifter/TLVAR_2017_1.pdf <i>(in Swedish)</i></p>	
S P E C I A L T O P I C	<p style="text-align: center;">E-HEALTH FOR MEDICINES</p> <p>Medicine check</p> <p>Medicine check is an e-service that helps patients' keep track of prescriptions, already dispensed medicines and patients' high-cost protection status. Parents/guardians can see prescriptions for children under 12. It is also possible to check prescriptions for pets. The service is accessible using an electronic identification certificate (e-ID). www.ehalsomyndigheten.se/other-languages/english/ <i>(in English)</i></p> 	
	<p>Vision for e-health</p> <p>The Government and the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SKL/ SALAR) have decided to endorse a common vision for eHealth up to 2025.</p> <p>Highlights of the eHealth agenda for 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of different government initiatives • A list that provides information on pharmaceutical treatments on an individual level • Development of cross border e-prescriptions • A national infrastructure with a focus on knowledge and patient benefit, technical standardisation and interdisciplinary terminology <p>The Swedish eHealth Agency (E-hälsomyndigheten) has been assigned to lead and coordinate initiatives to improve information-sharing between health and social care services. The agency manages e-prescriptions (99% rx for human use in 2017). It is also responsible for collecting and supplying statistics on pharmaceutical sales, as well as develop the data for further analysis. www.ehalsomyndigheten.se/om-oss/framtidens-e-halsa/ <i>(in Swedish)</i> www.ehalsomyndigheten.se/globalassets/dokument/vision/vision-for-ehealth-2025.pdf <i>(in Swedish)</i></p>	