

## Slovak Republic

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Total population: 5, 4 mil  
GDP per capita: 33 923  
Health expenditure per capita: 2 187, 8  
Health expenditure in % of the GDP: 6, 7%  
Pharmaceutical expenditure: 577, 4 US  
Organisation of the health care sector: SHI



### Pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement policies in the in- and out-patient sector

#### OUT- PATIENT

#### IN - PATIENT

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	Decision making institution: Ministry of Health (MoH) Payers: Health insurance company, insured patient	Decision making institution: Ministry of Health (MoH), Hospital Payers: Health insurance company
<b>PRICING</b>	<p><b>Pricing in the out-patient sector</b></p> <p><u>Pricing policies for medicines</u> <b>Pricing at ex-factory price level</b> Calculation of EU average price for medicines applying for inclusion in Reimbursement list in the out- patient sector <b>Pricing procedures:</b> External price referencing <b>Pricing at wholesale and pharmacy level</b> <b>Public Retail Price (PRP) = Ex-factor price+ Regressive wholesaler and pharmacy margin (fixed + %) + VAT (10%)</b> <u>Wholesale remuneration</u> Maximum regressive wholesale mark-up scheme set by the Ministry of Health (2 different schemes: fixed mark up for hospitals and regressive for outpatient customers) <u>Pharmacy remuneration</u> Maximum regressive pharmacy mark-up scheme set by the Ministry of Health (mark-up regulation only for retail pharmacies) <u>VAT</u> Standard rate 20% and reduced rate for medicines 10%</p>	<p><b>Pricing in the in-patient/hospital sector</b></p> <p><u>Pricing policies for medicines</u> Hospital purchasing body (individual hospital pharmacist or joint purchasing body) negotiates and tenders price of medicine <b>Pricing at ex-factory price level</b> The maximum ex-factory price of hospital medicines is regulated by the Ministry of Health <b>Pricing procedures:</b> Public procurement, negotiation with the manufacturer or wholesaler <u>Wholesale remuneration</u> The maximum regressive wholesale mark-up is fixed. Radiopharmaceuticals- maximum regressive wholesale mark-up 10% <u>Pharmacy remuneration</u> There is no pharmacy margin applied in hospital sector <u>VAT</u> Standard rate 20% and reduced rate for medicine 10%.</p>
<b>COVERAGE / REIMBURSEMENT</b>	<p><b>Coverage / reimbursement in the out-patient sector</b></p> <p><u>Positive / negative list / formulary</u> List of Reimbursable pharmaceuticals contains 4328 medicines <u>Reference price system (RPS) of cluster of substitutable medicines</u> Internal reference pricing: ATC 5 level, differentiated by pharmaceutical form, strength and package since December 2011 <u>Co-payment</u> Prescription fees: 0.17 Euro except non-reimbursed medicine, e- prescription Deductible: higher than 5% of the average monthly wage of an employee in the economy of the Slovak Republic for groups of socially vulnerable (disadvantaged) patients <u>Reforms</u> Prevalence 1:50 000 as the criterion of inclusion to List of Reimbursable pharmaceuticals. There is no need of HTA evaluation of medicines</p>	<p><b>Coverage / reimbursement in the in-patient sector</b></p> <p><u>Reimbursement of medicines</u> Medicines funded from the hospital budget (based on bed-days per treatment and medical services inclusion of medicines). Evaluation of costs and treatment per treatment procedure and case inclusion of pharmaceuticals is a task of Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Committee <u>Hospital formularies</u> The hospital pharmaceutical formulary is often individual per hospital (decentralised) <u>Co-payment in hospitals</u> Payment in hospitals is without patient participation</p>