

Norway

Recent and planned developments in pharmaceutical policies 2025/2026

CHANGES IN PRICING

- The first ordinary tender for outpatient medicines, following a pilot phase, was initiated (January 2025)
- Revision of prices for new packages if they have two or less reference prices. Prices on H-prescription will be revised every other year (June 2025)

CHANGES IN REIMBURSEMENT

- New white paper on principles for priority setting in the Norwegian health care (April 2025)
 - The white paper led to inter alia an assessment of immediate adjustment of the willingness-to-pay-threshold. The assessment concluded no immediate adjustments. (May 2026)
- Proposal for changes in regulations for medicinal products covered by the National Insurance Scheme (blue prescription)
- Introduction of a new pathway for reimbursement approvals for medicinal products with a negative decision (on a group level) for individual patients (April 2025)
- Certain medicinal products for Parkinson and respiratory infections caused by RSV were moved from the National Insurance Scheme to Regional Health Authority's budget (January 2026)

OTHER CHANGES

Supply security

- The Nordic pilot project on common Nordic packages in English (January 2025)
 - The Nordic medicines agencies are collaborating on a project to increase the number of common Nordic packages. The project will test how English-language common Nordic packages will work across all Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.
- New national committee on supply security and preparedness. The Norwegian Medical Products Agency have been given the responsibility to lead this group. (2024)

AMR

- Ongoing work on a new national AMR action plan

Environmental criteria in Nordic tenders

- Planned joint Nordic tender of antibiotics with environmental criteria

Tender combined with evidence generation:

- First tender in Norway combined with a study. The study gave health technology developers the opportunity to address deficiencies in meeting the required documentation.

Systematic introduction of medical devices (2025/2026):

- Moving from a horizon scanning-based system where the HTA/reimbursement process are initiated by "Nye Metoder" (the national system of managed introduction of new methods) to a request-based system where health technology developers submit a proposal for an assessment.
- More clear definition of the scope of topics relevant for HTA assessment.

SPECIAL TOPIC:

Regulation, pricing and reimbursement of pharmaceutical combination products

Follows the same practice as for other medicinal products.