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PHARMACEUTICAL PRICING AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICIES

Total population= 47.42 Millions (World Bank (2021))
 GDP per capita (USD) =30,103.5 (World Bank (2021))
 Organisation of health care sector = NHS
 Health expenditure per capita= 2,711.19 USD (World Bank (2019))
 Health expenditure in % of the GDP= 9.13% (World Bank (2019))
 Pharmaceutical exp. (%current health exp.) = 15.1 %.(OECD)

Pricing of medicines

The Ministry of Health (MoH) is the competent authority for pricing and reimbursement in the out-patient and in-patient sector. Price for reimbursed medicines is established centrally, though payers are the regional governments. Pricing decisions are made by a Price & Reimbursement Committee, whose members are representatives of the MoH, the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, and of all Regional Governments.

OUT-PATIENT

Wholesale remuneration

Ex-factory price ≤91.63 €, wholesale margin is 7.6% of the wholesale price.

Ex-factory price >91.63 €, fixed wholesale margin of 7.54 €

Pharmacy margins

Ex-factory price ≤91.63 €, 27.9% of pharmacy retail price.

Ex-factory price >91.63 € and ≤ 200 €, fixed pharmacy margin of 38.37 €/pack.

Ex-factory price >200 € and ≤ 500 €, fixed pharmacy margin of 43.37 €/pack.

Ex-factory price is >500 €, fixed pharmacy margin of 48.37 €/pack.

Since August 2000, pharmacy claw-back system in place. Pharmacies payments based on a percentage of their annual sales of reimbursable medicines at manufacturer prices.

IN-PATIENT

Wholesale and pharmacy remuneration not applicable in the in-patient sector.

Additional tendering is applied for medicines in the in-patient sector.

VAT on medicines: 4%

Reforms: Since 2010, as cost-containment measures, mandatory discounts are in place. Discounts of 7.5% on originator medicines, 4% on orphan and 15% for medicines reimbursed for more than 10 years and without a generic, Discounts granted jointly by manufacturers, wholesalers and pharmacies to the NHS for all reimbursable. Exemption: Products included in the internal reference price system.

Coverage / Reimbursement

Reimbursement decisions are made by a Price & Reimbursement Committee. Medicines are covered by public funds.

In the out-patient sector: There are both positive and negative lists. Medicines included in the positive list are updated monthly and available at: <https://www.sanidad.gob.es/profesionales/nomenclator.do>

Co-payment:

60% of selling price of medicines for people earning ≥100,000 €/year

50% for people earning ≥18,000 and <100,000 and,

40% for the remaining employed citizens.

Specific medicines for long term treatment have a reduced co-payment of 10% of the price with a max. fee of 4.24 €/pack. Co-payment for retired people is 10% with a max. monthly co-payment depending on earnings (4.24€, 8.23€, 18.52€ and 61.75€ respectively). Special vulnerable collectives are exempt from co-payment.

In the in-patient sector: In terms of coverage and reimbursement, consideration of in-patient medicines is given to drugs dispensed only in hospitals regardless of whether the patient is formally admitted or is ambulatory.

Co-payment: There is full coverage of reimbursed medicines with no co-payment by patients in the in-patient sector

FINDING REIMBURSEMENT INFO: BIFIMED: a web access tool for reimbursement status search of medicines: <https://www.sanidad.gob.es/profesionales/medicamentos.do>

VALTERMED: NHS information system to gather information on real world data for decision making. Specially aimed for high priced medicines. <https://www.sanidad.gob.es/profesionales/farmacia/valtermed/home.htm>

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