





Total population: 85,279,553 GDP per capita: US\$ 10,655

Organisation of the health care sector: Universal Health Coverage

Total health expenditure: US\$ 36,587,181

Current health expenditure per capita: US\$ 430,54

Health expenditure to GDP: 4%

Ref: TurkStat, 2022.

# **TÜRKİYE**

# Pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement policies 2024

İrem Karaömerlioğlu<sup>1</sup>, Pharm, PhD irem.karaomerlioglu@gmail.com

Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency

TMMDA Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency

Ministry of Health, +90 312 218 3000 https://www.titck.gov.tr/

Marketing Authorization | Clinical Trials | Quality Assurance | Inspection & Surveillance | Analysis & Control | Pharmacovigilance | Pricing (ex-factory, wholesale and retail prices) I Health Technology Assessment I Member of the Reimbursement Commissions

# SSI Social Security Institution

Ministry of Labour and Social Security, +90 312 207 8000 gssgm@sgk.gov.tr

Reimbursement I Pricing (public prices) I Health Technology Assessment I Member of the Price Assessment Commission

#### TMMDA statutory pricing in & outpatient sector

Regulation of ex-factory, wholesale and retail prices of pharmaceuticals

#### Reference pricing system (RPS) since 2004 **External RP**

- Imported & local innovator medicines
- Imported generics
- Lowest ex-factory price
- Reference countries (France, Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain) or import/EU/other countries.

Internal RP: Local generic medicines

Remuneration applied regressively to wholesale and retail (pharmacy) prices

**Tendering** in the inpatient/ hospital care sector

#### **Reference Price** (RP) set at

60% Innovator medicine w/generic

**80%** Price-

### protected products

are those containing an active ingredient launched before 01/08/1987.

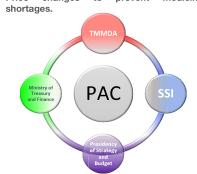
100%Biosimilar

10% VAT

0% Import fee

#### **Price Assessment Commission** (PAC)

- · Determination of the RP exchange rate (EUR to TRY) (set at 60% of the average euro value from the previous year.)
- Price changes to prevent medicine



# eimbursemen Coverage

## SSI coverage/reimbursement

(Including outpatient and inpatient; public institutions and private institutions w/additional payment)

- Compulsory health insurance, financed by premiums.
- **98%** of the population is covered by the national health system.
- 8399 medicines in the positive list
- **387** medicines covered under the Named Patient Program

#### Public (reimbursement) price

Internal RPS; ATC-5 (active substance) since 2005

0% to 41% discount for innovators 28% max discount for generics

#### Co-payments

10% of the cost of medicines for pensioners and their dependants. **20%** of the cost of medicines for other insured persons and their dependants.

#### **Prescription fees**

3 TRY for up to 3 prescribed boxes plus 1 TRY for each additional box.

**Exemptions** for vulnerable groups, those with chronic diseases (e.g. cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes or rare diseases) and inpatients.

# **Healthcare Services Pricing Commission** Health Implementation Communiqué **Reimbursement Commissions** SSI\* Clinical TMMDA Commission

#### National governmental disease program (Ministry of Health)

#### Vaccinations

Childhood vaccinations Hepatitis B, Pneumococcal disease,

Meningitis. Influenza.

Meningococcal disease,

Tetanus-diphtheria,

Covid 19.

\*HTA is not applied in pricing, only in reimbursement processes. 3 HTA committees. **No** independent HTA body.

SSI Decision making. TMMDA Advisory opinions.

Department of Research, Development and Health Technology Assessment (Ministry of Health) Publishes national reports on various health issues and health technologies.

