

ISSUE FACT SHEET

Medicines reimbursement in Poland



The Polish health care system is organised as a Social Health Insurance system that covers the entire Polish population, generating its funds through employee contributions.

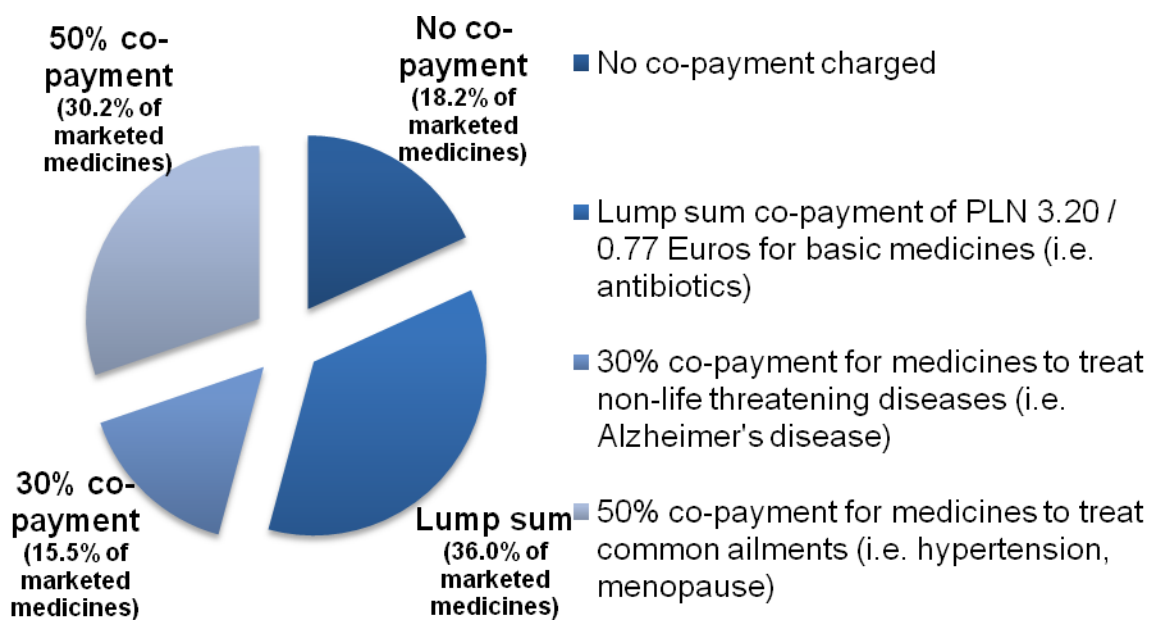
Which medicines are reimbursed in Poland and why?

The Ministry of Health is responsible for deciding which medicines will be reimbursed and how they will be priced. The Ministry of Health is advised by the Drug Management team, which evaluates reimbursement applications from medicines producers, and the Health Technology Assessment Agency, which evaluates new expensive molecules. Medicines are chosen to be reimbursed based on the product's efficacy in treating disease and its cost. In general, medicines with excessive prices or limited efficacy in treating disease are not reimbursed.

Over the counter (OTC) products are not usually reimbursed.

Prescription medicine prices are determined by reimbursement categories

The price a patient pays for a prescription medicine, called the co-payment, is dependent on the product, the patient's condition/disease and the patient's social-economic situation. The four main categories of medicines reimbursement are set as follows and shown as a percentage of all the medicines on the market:



In –patients and vulnerable groups, such as war veterans, receive prescription medicines for free.

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