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**Guidance on the implementation of the circular issued on 27-4-12
on the high cost medicines**

1. In view of the imminent opinion of the Court of Auditors it is considered opportune that the high cost medicines, both for short hospitalization and for outpatients, are covered by the existing budget.
2. For the immediate implementation of the circular and in order for hospitals to be able to manage within the limits of the existing budget, EOPYY shall resume the distribution of sufficient volume of a restricted number of medicines, which it will distribute to the hospitals. Detailed guidance per hospital will be given by the Health Districts (Y.PE.).
3. Medicines for exclusively hospital use prescribed by physicians of the hospital are distributed mandatorily by the same hospital. The same applies and for private clinics having more than 60 beds. The patients of private clinics with less than 60 beds will obtain the prescribed medicines by EOPYY. The prescriptions of private physicians containing exclusively hospital medicines will not be implemented by public hospitals.
4. All prescriptions, electronic or hand written, will be implemented by the pharmacies of hospitals on the preprinted formulary of EOPYY (green prescription) and the authenticity tags shall be attached.
5. The charge for these medicines will be the same for the social security funds and for the private patients and it results from the implementation of the following formula:
Hospital price + (5% + VAT)
Example: Medicine whose hospital price is €100, it is charged
 $100 + (5\% + 6,5\%) = 100 + 11,5\% = €111,5$

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