

Amendments to Joint Ministerial Decision F.42000/oik.2555/353/28.02.2012

(Government Gazette 497/B/2012) re: “List of diseases qualifying for reduced or zero co-payment of the cost of medicines”, as amended by Joint Ministerial Decision

F.42000/oik. 12485/1481/06.06.2012 (Government Gazette 1814/B/2012)

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR, SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE AND
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

Having regard to

1. the provisions of Article 38 of Law 4025/2011 re: “Reorganisation of Social Solidarity Agencies, Rehabilitation Centres, Restructuring of the NHS, and other provisions” (Government Gazette A/228);
2. the provisions of Article 90 of Presidential Decree 63/2005 (Government Gazette 98/A/2005) re: “Consolidation of legislation on government and government bodies”;
3. the provisions of Presidential Decree 86/2012 re: “Appointment of Ministers, Alternate Ministers and Deputy Ministers” (Government Gazette 141/A/21.06.2012);
4. Decision No. Y47/03.07.2012 of the Prime Minister (Government Gazette 2105/B/12) re: “Delegation of tasks to the Alternate Health Minister Marios Salmas”;
5. Joint Ministerial Decision F.42000/oik.2555/353/28.02.2012 (Government Gazette 497/B/2012) re: “List of diseases qualifying for reduced or zero patient co-payment of the cost of medicines”;
6. Joint Ministerial Decision F.42000/oik.12485/1481/06.06.2012 (Government Gazette 1814/V/2012) re: “Amendments to Joint Ministerial Decision F.42000/oik.2555/353/28.02.2012 (Government Gazette B/497) re: “List of diseases qualifying for reduced or zero patient co-payment of cost of medicines”;
7. The fact that the provisions of this Decision shall not imply any expenditure out of the state budget or the budgets of social security funds;

WE DECIDE AS FOLLOWS:

To amend Joint Ministerial Decision F.42000/oik.2555/353/28.02.2012 (Government Gazette 497/B/2012) re: “List of diseases qualifying for reduced or zero patient co-payment of the cost of medicines”, as already amended by Joint Ministerial Decision

F.42000/oik. 12485/1481/06.06.2012 (Government Gazette 1814/B/2012) to read as follows:

Persons suffering from the chronic conditions listed below and entitled to outpatient pharmaceutical cost coverage by any Social Security Fund regardless of its name or legal form, as well as by the Seamen's Fund, shall be subject to a patient co-payment rate of 10% or 0% on the official price of the relevant medicinal products as follows:

A. Conditions assigned a co-payment rate of 10%:

1. Parkinson's disease and dystonias.
2. Diabetes insipidus.
3. Chronic rheumatic valvular disease and other valvular diseases, chronic pulmonary heart disease and congenital heart disease.
4. Myasthenia.
5. Tuberculosis.
6. Hereditary angioedema.
7. Congenital ichthyosis
8. Wilson's disease.
9. Diabetes mellitus type II.
10. Epilepsy and other epileptical conditions.
11. Burger's vasculopathy.
12. Dementia, Alzheimer's disease and Charcot's disease.

B. Conditions assigned a co-payment rate of 0%:

1. Neoplasms of all systems and leukemias.
2. Diabetes mellitus type I.
3. Psychoses (antipsychotics, not antidepressants).
4. Thalassemia, sickle cell anemia and sickle cell/b thalassemia, homozygous thalassemia, thalassemia intermedia and homozygous sickle cell anemia.
5. Idiopathic hemolytic anemia - thrombocytopenic purpura.
6. Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria.
7. Hemophilia (anti-hemophilic factors).
8. Pituitary dwarfism (growth hormone).
9. Cystic Fibrosis (CF fibrotic disease, fibrocystic disease).

10. Chronic hepatitis B and C.
11. Wilson's disease (hepatolenticular degeneration).
12. Glycogenosis - Glycogenosis type IB.
13. Gaucher's disease.
14. Lack of ornithine carbamoyltransferase.
15. Chronic kidney disease stage 3 and 4.
16. Renal failure on dialysis.
17. Niemann-Pick disease type C.
18. Hyperphenylalaninemia
19. Multiple sclerosis.

It is noted that the reduced or zero co-payment rate shall apply solely and strictly to medicinal products used for the treatment of the conditions specified above.

Patients who have undergone solid or liquid organ and tissue transplantation as well as paraplegics and quadriplegics shall be fully exempted from co-payment for the medicinal products used to address their condition.

An exemption shall also apply for all patients suffering from the immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), for antiretroviral medicines.

The National Organisation for Medicines (EOF) shall draw up a list of medicinal products, classified by active substance along with the corresponding trade names and by therapeutic category (ATC code of the WHO), assigning to each product the applicable co-payment rate; such list shall be published on EOF's website and communicated to: the Directorate of Sickness and Maternity Care of the General Secretariat for Social Security; Social Security Funds; Pharmacists' Associations; and the Marketing Authorisation Holders (MAHs) of medicinal products. The responsibility for updating the list following the entry of new medicinal products into the market shall lie jointly with EOF, the Directorate of Sickness and Maternity Care of the General Secretariat for Social Security, and the Social Security Funds.

A co-payment rate of 10% shall apply to pensioners entitled to the Social Solidarity Allowance and dependent members of their families, for all medicines.

A zero co-payment rate shall apply to medicinal products: prescribed during pregnancy and post-partum; used to address the health implications of labour accidents, dispensed to the insured of EOPYY through the Organisation's pharmacies or wholesalers; dispensed through the pharmacies of public hospitals; used for mandatory vaccination under the National Immunisation Programme, as applicable from time to time.

We order that this Decision be published in the Government Gazette.

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