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Taiwan's National Health Insurance: Pharmaceutical Benefits

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Benefits Package

Disease

Injury

**Maternity
Care**

»» Inpatient care

»» Outpatient care

»» Prescription drugs

»» Dental services(orthodontics & prosthodontics excluded)

»» Traditional Chinese medicine

»» Day care for the mentally ill

»» Home health care



Pharmaceutical Pricing & Reimbursement

1. Most of the prescription drugs are covered.
2. Expert/PBRS joint committee makes 3 decisions:
 - A. Listing: Whether the new drug will be listed in drug formulary?
 - B. Pricing: How much will the new drug be paid?
 - C. Restriction: Whether the restriction in drug indication or pre-utilization review is needed?



Drug Listing Status

Year	Covered Drugs		
	western medicine (items)	traditional Chinese medicine (items)	total
2021	16,810	10,140	26,950
2022	15,225	10,311	25,536
2023	14,744	10,377	25,121



Pricing of New Drugs

Category		Pricing
1	Breakthrough	Median price of A-10 countries
2A	Me-better	Capped at A-10 median price <ul style="list-style-type: none">• lowest price in A10• price in original country• international price ratio• treatment-course dosage ratio
2B	Me-too	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a combination drug is priced at 70% of the sum of each ingredient's price, or at the price of the single active ingredient.

A-10 reference countries: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, US, UK.



Pricing for off-patented drugs

BA/BE Generic drug	Generic drug	Biosimilars
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ First BA/BE generic drug priced at 80%~90% of brand-name drug.▪ The following BA/BE generic drug priced at the lowest price in the same chemical group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ First generic drug priced at 80% of brand-name drug.▪ The following generic drug priced at the lowest price in the same chemical group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Biosimilars priced at 85% of brand-name drug or reference listed drug.

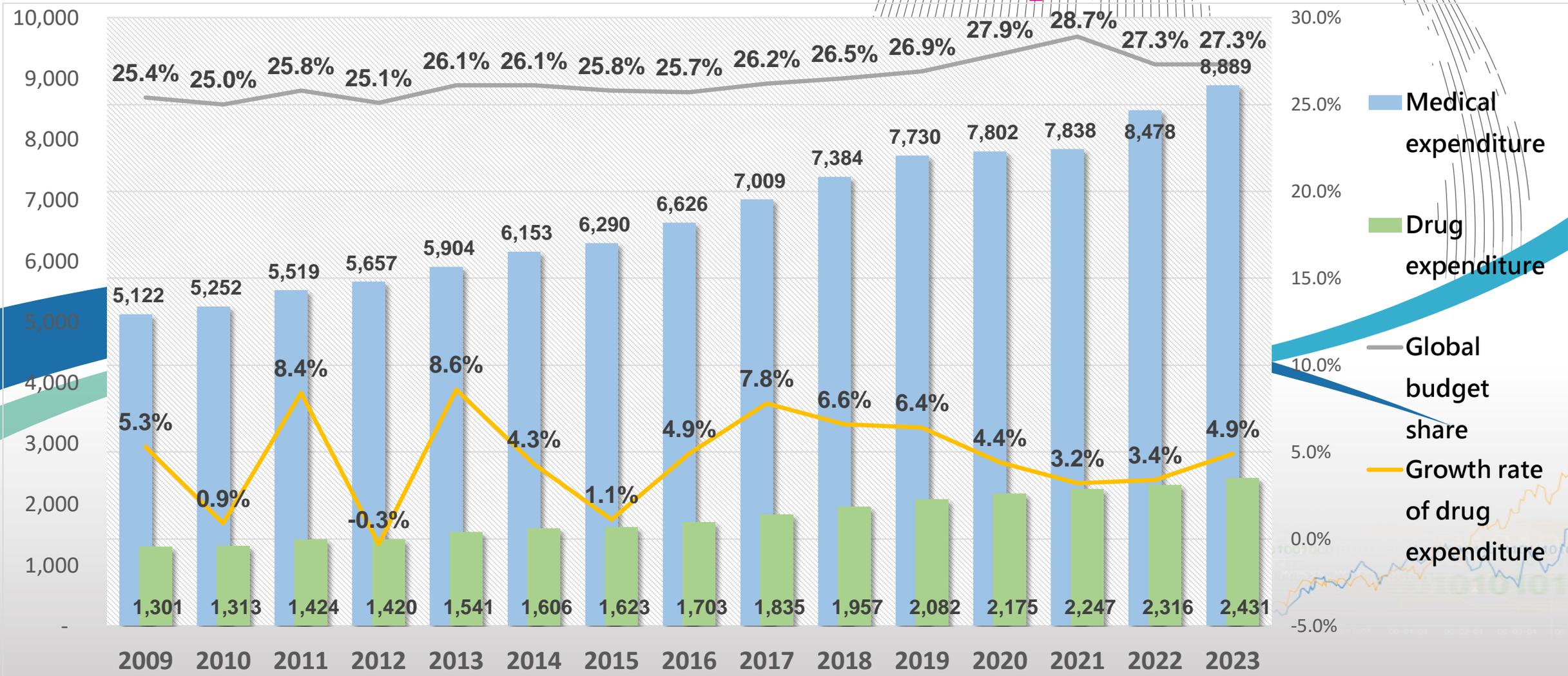


Price Survey and Adjustment

- Price-volume survey every year.
- Both hospital pharmacies and drug companies should submit transaction data.
- Price adjustment to reduce the gap between NHI reimbursement and actual transaction price.

Stable Share of Pharmaceutical Expenses

NTD \$100 Millions





Thank you!

<https://nhi.gov.tw/en/mp-2.html>

