

PUBLIC AND HOUSEHOLD HEALTHCARE AND PHARMACEUTICAL SPENDING ANALYSIS IN BULGARIA IN FOUR YEARS PERIOD

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INTRODUCTION

- ✓ The introduction of new medicines and targeted health technologies is considered as one of the main reasons for increasing financial pressure on health care systems.
- ✓ A previous studies reveal that level of patients' co-payment is extremely high in Bulgaria (1).
- ✓ It is a result from insufficient financing and low reimbursement level of medicines (2).

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ To analyse the differences in household and public healthcare and pharmaceutical expenditures during 2016-2019 in Bulgaria.

METHODS

- ✓ The study is comparative, retrospective, observational, macroeconomic analysis.
- ✓ National Statistical Institute (NSI) and National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) databases were analyzed and statistically proceeded.

RESULTS

Figure 1: Household expenditures during 2016-2019, euro

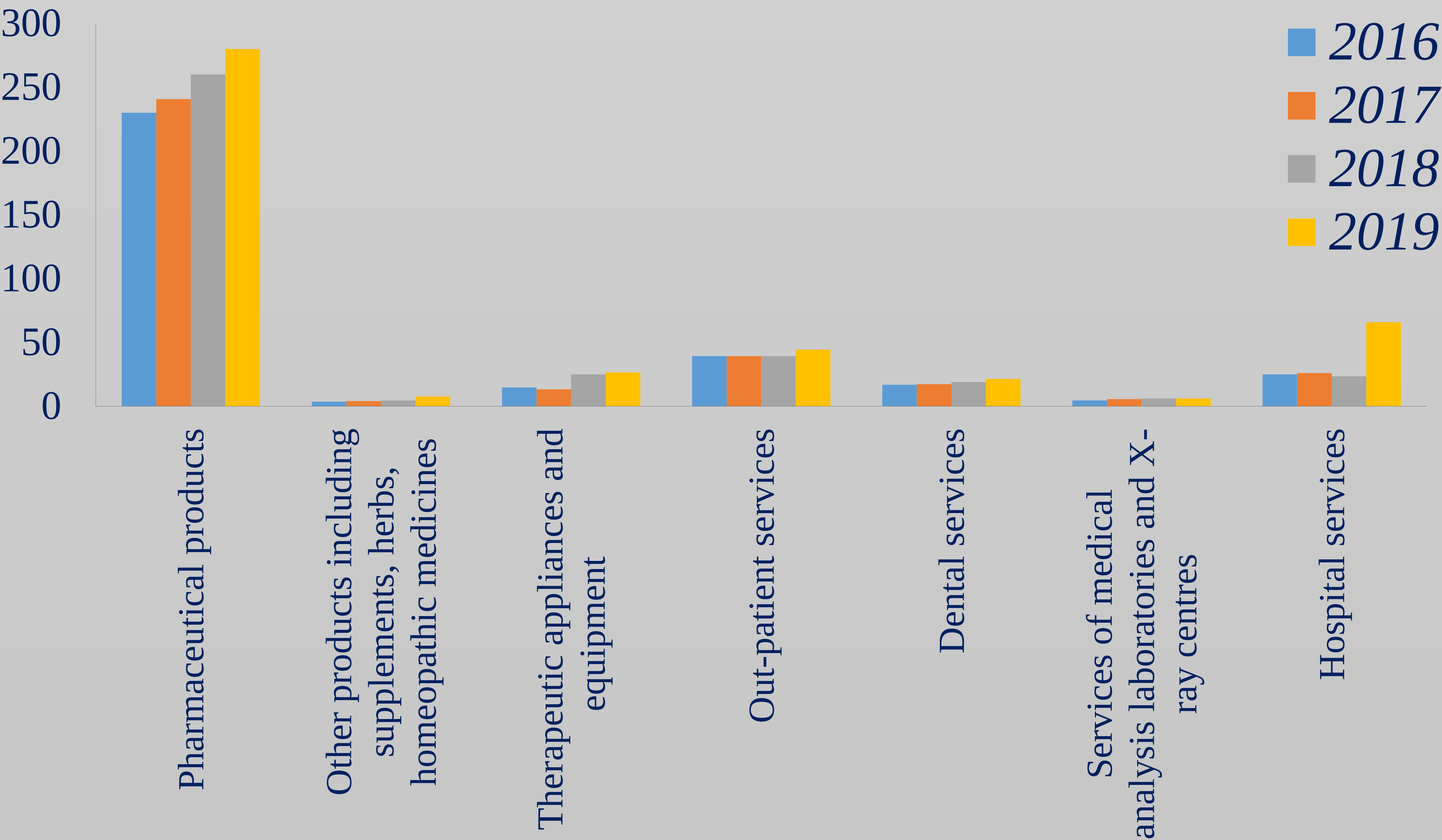


Figure 2: Public expenditures on reimbursed medicines, food supplements, and medical devices during 2016- 2019, euro



CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ The households and public healthcare and pharmaceutical expenditures are progressively increasing with higher rate for public ones but still the burden on families is heavy.
- ✓ The introduction of cost containment measures could ensure more affordable medical services as well as better healthcare results.

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