



Reimbursement of drugs in Germany

Most new medicines are
reimbursed at 100% from the
day of launch.

In general, this is granted for the
full patient population covered
by the license.



But there are
some exceptions.

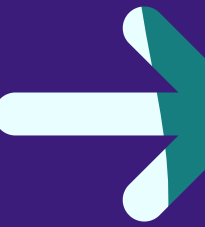


OTC and lifestyle drugs
are **excluded from**
coverage by SHI funds
and thus
reimbursement.



In addition, when drugs are considered to **not** be **economical**, the G-BA can

- exclude products from reimbursement or
- restrict the reimbursement to specific patients.



Exclusions
or restrictions
happen very
rarely.



The drug directive
lists all exclusions in the
appendices:

- I → OTC drugs
- II → lifestyle drugs
- III → Prescription
restrictions and exclusions

