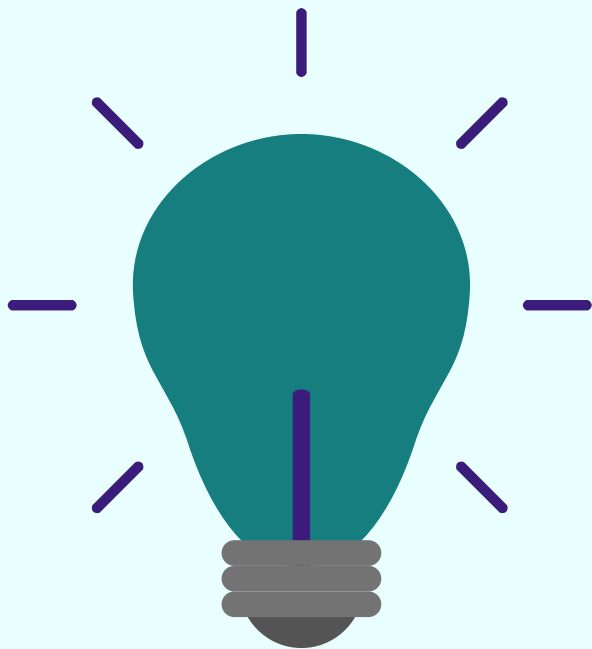




REIMBURSEMENT IN PRACTICE

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Pharmaceutical
companies sell their
products to
pharmacies
(sometimes via
wholesalers).

Reimbursement of drugs in Germany



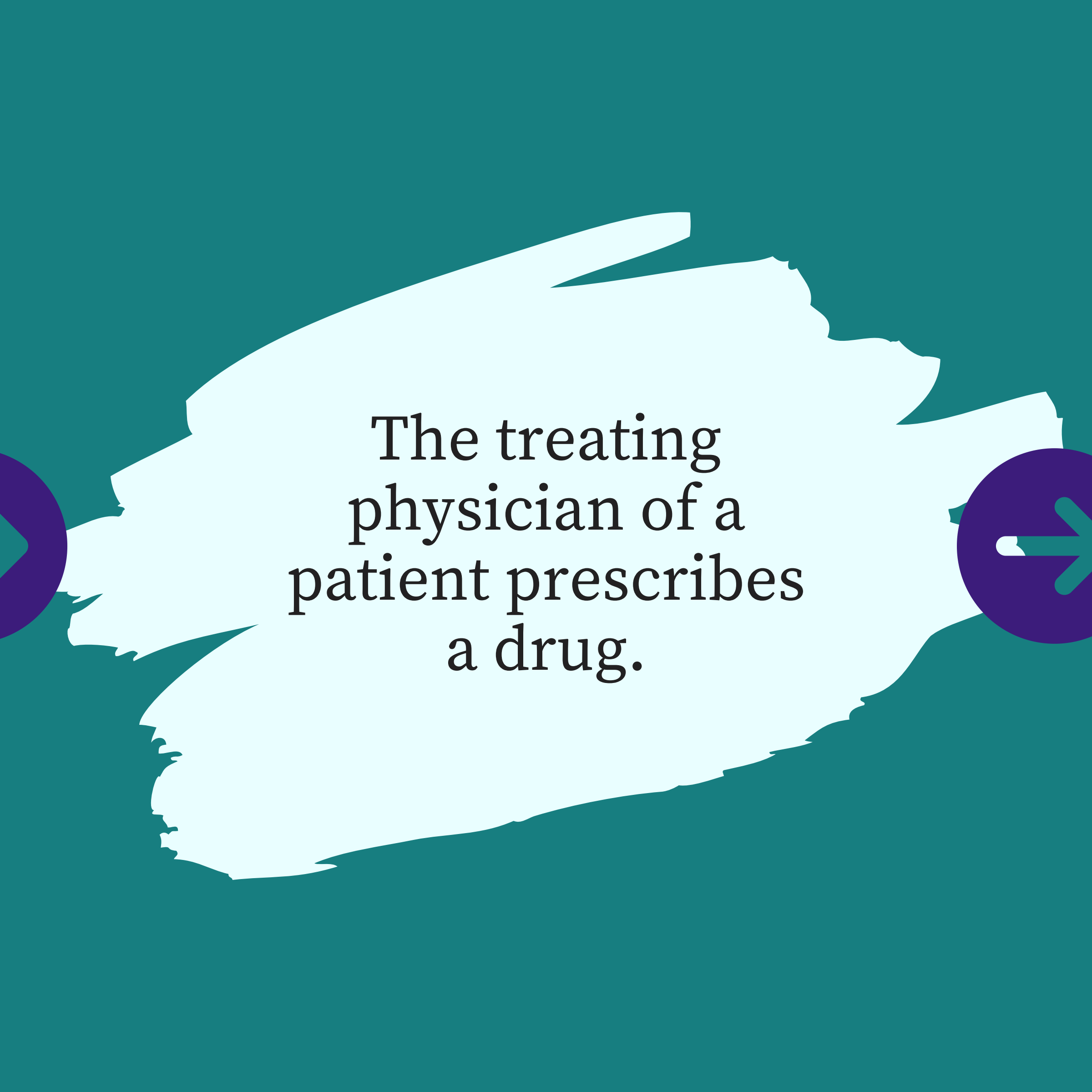
Manufacturers



Drugs



Pharmacy



The treating
physician of a
patient prescribes
a drug.

Reimbursement of drugs in Germany



Physician



Prescription



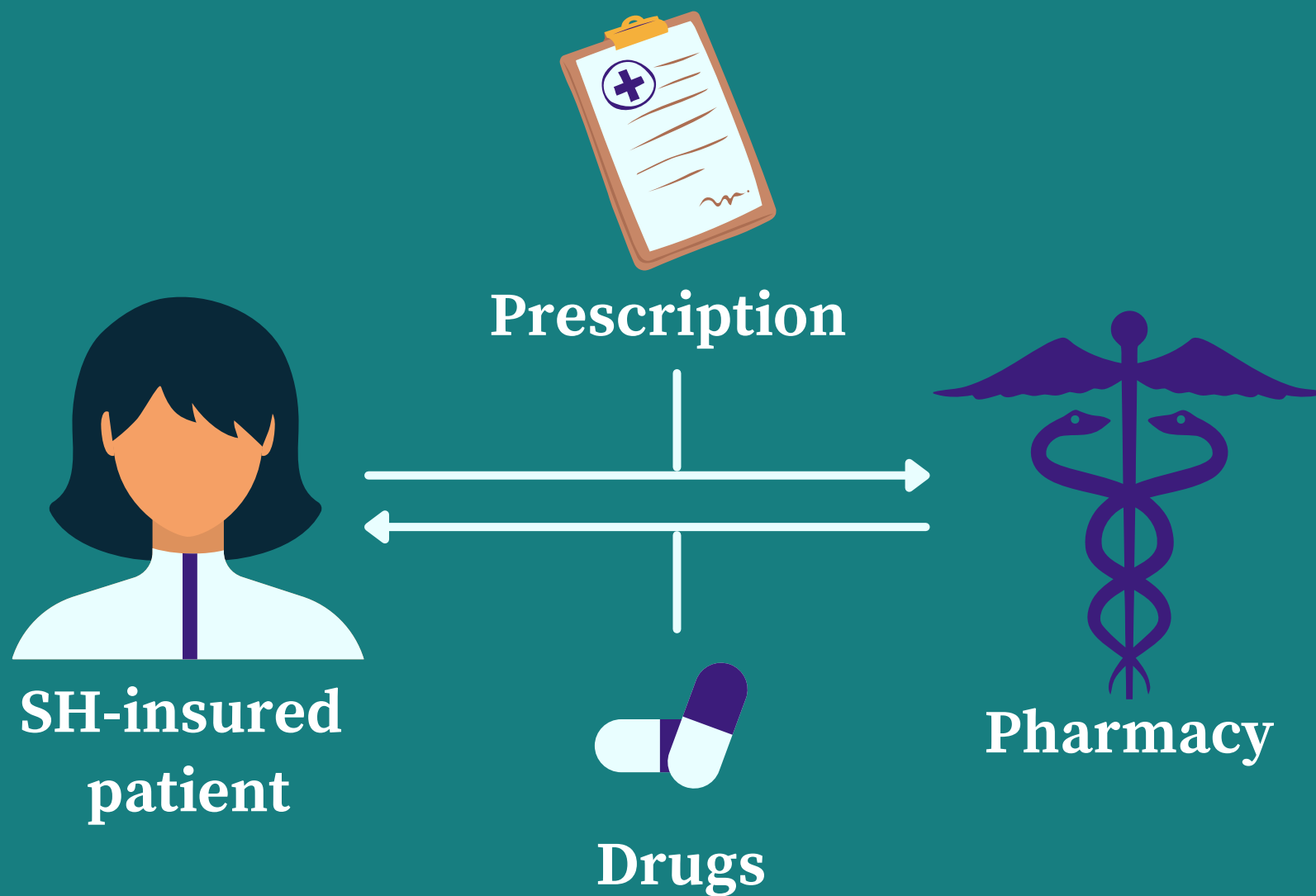
SH-insured
patient





The insured patient
receives the drug
from the pharmacy
for only a small co-
payment.

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The pharmacies then
invoice the drug to
the SHI funds.

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Pharmacy



Bill



SHI funds



Thus, pharmaceutical
companies do NOT
directly get reimbursed
by the SHI funds.

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