

Reimbursement Update Germany

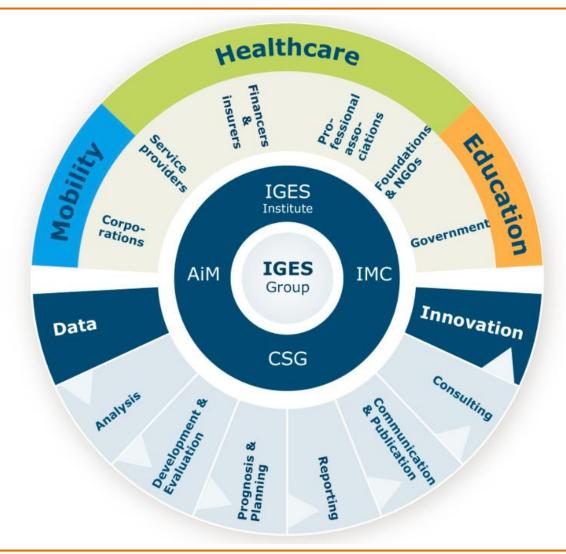
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Coverage principles Germany



Innovative medical device defining a new diagnostic or therapeutic method

European Market Approval – CE Mark

Inpatient

Reimburseability = subject to prohibition = given, as long as no basic principles of quality of care and/or efficiency are violated

Germany

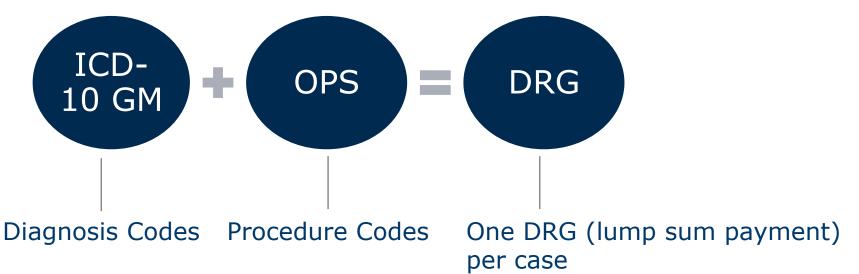
Outpatient

Reimburseability = subject to approval

Reimbursement: Inpatient setting

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Running costs per case



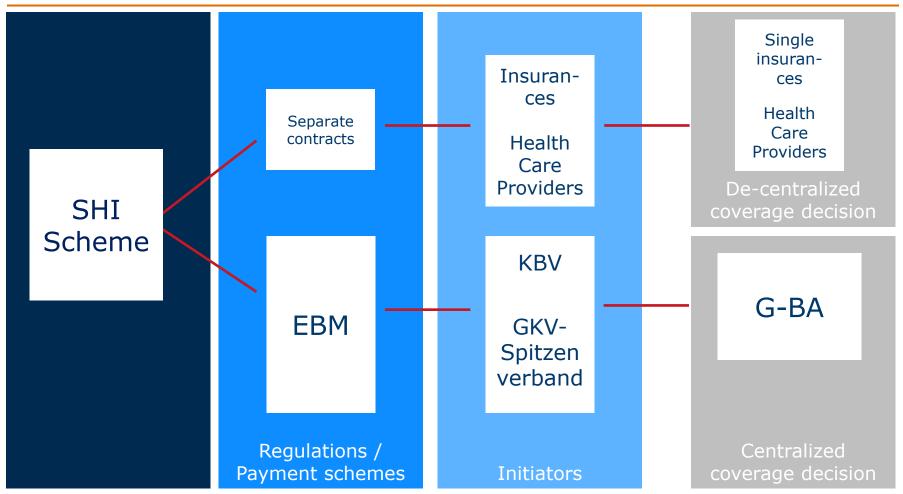
Potentially applicable in addition to the DRG payment:

Innovation payments, new diagnostic or therapeutic methods (NUB)

Extra rates (ZE)

Reimbursement: Outpatient setting

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GKV-Spitzenverband: Federal association of statutory health insurances, KBV: GKV-registered physician association, G-BA: Joint Federal Committee, EBM: Physician Fee Schedule under the statutory health insurance scheme



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The NUB process so far

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- Two step approach:
 - 1. Application by hospitals (to the DRG institute, InEK) September / October

InEK → DRG-related NUB assessment

- Reimbursement Level =

 NUB negotiations yes/no

 Result by Jan. 31st
- 2. If application approved: negotiations (individual hospital vs. insurances)
- So far: no official assessment of benefit / clinical evidence in this process

The NUB process of the future

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- "Health Care Strengthening Law" introducing § 137h Social Code Book (SGB) V
 - From 2016 onwards: benefit assessment conducted by G-BA
 - For methods using...

medical devices of "risk" class IIb and III or active implants
with an especially invasive character

...providing a...

new scientific theoretical concept

...for which a

(first-ever) NUB application

...is submitted.

The NUB process of the future



If method is subject to the new process, two assessment lines apply:



Reimbursement Level =

NUB negotiations yes/no

Result by Jan. 31st

No communication / no interaction between InEK and G-BA

G-BA Rapid Benefit Assessment

Coverage status =

Will GKV pay for it at all?

Result 3 months after start of assessment

The G-BA NUB assessment outcomes

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Benefit proven

Potentially official quality guideline, § 137 SGB V

No benefit proven but attested "potential to be a necessary treatment alternative"

Decision about testing regulation guideline, § 137e SGB V, within 6 months

"commonly" testing within 2 years

coverage decision on the basis of trial results

Neither "potential" nor benefit proven

Immediate decision about exclusion from SHI coverage, § 137c SGB V

Coverage with evidence development



Based upon § 137e SGB V, in existence since 2012

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Co-funded by the relevant manufacturers (overhead costs)

German centers only

High evidence requirements expected

Federal-wide coverage decision, inpatient setting



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Summary

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- > In general, more clinical evidence required than ever
- First bricks in the wall of the inpatient "subject to prohibition" principle in Germany
- Manufacturers have to prepare more carefully before entering the German inpatient market
- ➤ If subject to the new NUB process, clinical evidence will play a crucial role now – either existing (lacking) evidence, or evidence to be developed via the CED program



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