

# How Danish Pharmacies Are Remunerated for Providing Cognitive Services

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# Overview

- Which cognitive services can the pharmacy offer?
- Why receive payment for these services?
- Which cognitive services are pharmacies already paid for?
- How did we obtain the right to receive payment for these services?
- Centrally paid services
- Locally paid services

# Cognitive Services in Danish Pharmacies

- Medication Reviews
- Special services in nursing homes
- Special services for patient groups (asthma, diabetes, rheumatism and heart patients)
- Smoking Cessation Services
- Slimming advice
- Blood pressure measurement
- Blood sugar measurement
- Asthma inhaler assessment

# Why Receive Payment for Cognitive Services?

- It is part of the Association's strategy to obtain payment for pharmacy services from the state, the municipalities or private organisations/insurance companies.
- We know from the Smoking Cessation Service that pharmacies provide the service, if they are guaranteed 3<sup>rd</sup> party payment.
- We know that customers ask for the services when these are paid for by the public authorities or 3<sup>rd</sup> party payers.

# Which Services Are Pharmacies Already Paid for?

- Medication Reviews
- Special services in nursing homes
- Smoking Cessation Services
- Asthma Inhaler Assessment

# How Did We Obtain the Right to Receive Payment for these Services?

- Politicians must have a need to get a problem solved.
- Saving money is always good.
- It is important to document that the service makes a difference.
- It is important that others, e.g. patient organizations, think that the pharmacy is a good place to get the service.
- The pharmacies must be open to various payment models.

# How Did We Obtain the Right to Receive Payment for Asthma Inhaler Assessment?

- We argued that there was a need for the service and our documentation was well prepared.
- Politicians try to save money in the health budget and look for initiatives which are cost effective.
- A committee recommended in their report "Medicine reimbursement and correct use of drugs" that pharmacies should be able to provide the service to asthma patients with total reimbursement from The National Service.

# What Is the Agreement with the Ministry of Health?

- All pharmacies should be able to provide the service
- All Pharmacies should comply with the same standard
- The quality should be both high and consistent
- Documentation must be in order

# How Do We Receive Payment for Smoking Cessation Services?

- Payment by the Ministry of Health
- Payment by municipalities

# How Did We Obtain the Right to Receive Payment for Medication Review and Special Services in Nursing Homes?

- Politicians need to solve a problem
- We show that it makes a difference and that money can be saved
- A public report recommends that doctors or pharmacists carry out Medication Reviews

- It is easier if the politicians have a problem which you can solve for them.
- It is important to be able to document the effect of the services.
- It is a good idea if others recommend that the pharmacy solves problem.