

Turkey Updates Health Refund System, Loosening Provisions Related to Obesity Operations and Certain Medicines

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Turkey has updated several provisions of the Health Practices Communiqué relating to obesity operations and refunds for certain medicines. A cap has also been removed on physiotherapy and rehabilitation services for disabled soldiers.

Notable changes include:

- The refund system is expanded to now include:
 - Obesity operations performed on:
 - Patients with body mass index of 35-40 kg/m² and coexisting diseases.
 - Patients with the body mass index above 40 kg/m².
 - Certain medicines, such as cancer medicines.
- Physiotherapy and rehabilitation services provided to disabled soldiers are no longer limited.

The Communiqué Amending the Health Practices Communiqué was published in Official Gazette number 30322 on 4 February 2018. Please see this [link](#) for full text of the Communiqué (only available in Turkish).

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