



National Healthcare System



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- System: national Healthcare: social health insurance model centered on the National Health Fund (NFZ)
- Funding: funded mainly by mandatory health insurance contributions (with state budget top-ups and earmarked programs)
- Coverage: coverage is universal

Key Stakeholders



- Ministry of Health (MZ) – policy, regulation, supervision
- National Health Fund (NFZ) – single public purchaser contracting providers and setting benefits/tariffs within policy
- Agency for Health Technology Assessment & Tariff System (AOTMiT) – HTA for reimbursement, proposes tariffs
- e-Health Centre (CeZ) – builds/runs national e-health infrastructure (P1 platform, e-prescriptions, e-referrals, EDM)
- URPL (Medicines/Devices Regulator) – authorisation & vigilance
- Medical Research Agency (ABM) – public funding for clinical research/biomed innovation+

Funding & Budget Allocation



- Medical Research Agency (ABM) – oncology trials up to PLN 1 billion (~€230 million), other programs in hundreds of millions PLN
- Centre for e-Health (CeZ) – PLN 1.24 billion (~€285 million) earmarked for e-health and digital projects
- Recovery Plan (KPO) – €5.7 billion for digitalisation and €4.5 billion for health infrastructure

Care Delivery & Procurement



- Decentralized procurement – hospitals run their own tenders under Public Procurement Law.
- Centralized buying is limited to strategic reserves.
- Public tenders – no formal local-supplier preference
- Reimbursement policy (pharma) – recent changes reduced co-pays for some domestically produced reimbursed medicines

Digital Health Infrastructure



- National EHR – P1/e-Health platform with InternetPatient Account (IKP) and ElectronicMedicalDocumentation (EDM); e-prescriptions mandatory since 2020, e-referrals since 2021
- Interoperability – nationwide EDM exchange via CeZ (IHE/HL7 standards)
- Cross-border – Poland connected to EU eHealth network for e-prescriptions and patient summaries-

Reimbursement for Digital Services



- Telemedicine: teleconsultations are reimbursed by NFZ
- Digital therapeutics: no dedicated national DTx reimbursement pathway

Challenges & Priorities



Issues:

- Workforce shortages
- Waiting times/access
- Underfunding pressure & deficits
- Hospital financial stress

National priorities:

- Digitalisation of care
- Oncology; National Oncology Strategy 2020-2030
- Primary care transformation & coordinated care
- Cost-effectiveness/value via AOTMiT-driven HTA/tariffs