



Annex I

With the 'Real Decreto Ley 16/2012', law of 20 April about urgent measures to assure the sustainability of the Spanish health care system and get better quality and security for its benefits, a new copayment system for drugs in proportion to the user's income level was introduced. The user's percentage to pay is determined by a code of classification in the database of the health care cards, which was used in this study as an approximation to determine the patients' socioeconomic status. This codification could be resumed like this:

- Code PHCC 001 for users who mustn't be made to pay. Patients affected by toxic syndrome, incapacity, those with social benefits, those who are jobless and who have lost their right to unemployment, and those receiving treatments for illnesses related to work accidents or professional diseases are included in this category.
- Code PHCC 002 for users who must pay 10% of the normal price. This includes jobless people whose rent is less than 100.000€. This value is noted in each person's income and tax declaration.
- Code PHCC 003 for users who must pay 40% of the normal price. This includes insured active workers whose rent is less than 18.000€.
- Code PHCC 004 for users who must pay 50% of the normal price. This includes insured active workers whose rent is greater than 18.000€, but lesser than 100.000.
- Code PHCC 005 for users who must pay 60% of the normal price. This includes insured active workers whose rent is greater than 100.000€.
- Code PHCC 006 for users of Spanish civil mutual insurance companies who must pay 30% of the normal price.