

Procurement of drugs in 2016

On 12 January 2016, the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 396 dated 4 November 2015 "On procurement of drugs, medical devices and related services through specialized procurement organizations" came into force. Pursuant to this Resolution, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine shall procure all respective products exclusively through international specialized organizations.

As of now, procurement of drugs, medical devices and related services, which is financed from the state budget, shall be fully performed through the specialized procurement organizations.

We note that in 2015 the respective agreements were concluded with three specialized procurement organizations, which comply with the requirements specified by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, namely the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNDP, and Crown Agents.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine believes that procurement of drugs, medical devices and related services exclusively through international specialized organizations will reduce risks of corruption during tender procedures and ensure timely performance of the procurement process in order to secure provision of necessary and quality drugs and vaccines to the citizens.