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Health Price Index

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Briefing

The health sector is one of the most important sectors as it concerns the health of individuals, and the prices of health care have a big role in determining the health levels of the members of society. The UAE in general and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in particular are among the most supportive countries in the health sector.

The Emirate of Abu Dhabi has witnessed a remarkable development in the last decade, with the opening of many hospitals and international medical centers. And supporting the medical tourism sector is one of the objectives of the vision of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi 2030.

Statistics Center-Abu Dhabi has been working on the Health Price Index project within the emirate. This is the second nationwide experience and represents one of the leading attempts in the GCC. The health price index aims to establish a database of prices of health products and services and measuring the change in them.

Key Points

- The health price index rose in the first quarter of 2018 compared with the first quarter of 2017 by 3.1%, where the index was 100.0% in the first quarter 2017 and rose to 103.1% in the first quarter of 2018.
- The health price index increased during the first quarter of 2018 compared with the fourth quarter of 2017 by 3.1%, where the index was 100.0% in the fourth quarter 2017 and rose to 103.1% in the first quarter of 2018.
- One of the main groups that led to the rise in the health price index is the rise in the prices of the group "Medical products and equipment" by 4.7% during the first quarter 2018 compared with the fourth quarter 2017.

Table (1): Quarterly Health Price Index for the first quarter of 2018, (2016 = 100)

Health Price Index		Q1 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q1 2018/ Q1 2017	Q1 2018/ Q4 2017
6	General number	100.0	100.0	103.1	3.1	3.1
61	Medical products and equipment	100.0	100.0	104.7	4.7	4.7
611	Pharmaceutical products	100.0	100.0	103.4	3.4	3.4
612	Other medical products	100.0	100.0	103.2	3.2	3.2
613	Medical equipment	100.0	100.0	103.6	3.6	3.6
62	Outpatient Services	100.0	100.0	102.3	2.3	2.3
621	Medical services	100.0	100.0	106.4	6.4	6.4
622	Dental Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
623	Paramedical services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
63	Hospital services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
631	Hospital services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Notes

Technical Notes

The current methodology of the Health Price Index, including the mechanism of calculating the index and weights are available on SCAD's website at <http://www.scad.ae>.

Data sources

The data used in this publication were obtained through the quarterly survey of the Health Price Index.

More information and detailed release

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