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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 fourth 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 fourth quarter of 2018.
- The health price index stabilized during the fourth quarter of 2018 compared with the third quarter of 2018.
- One of the main groups that led to the rise in the health price index during the fourth quarter of 2018 compared with the fourth quarter 2017 is the increase in prices of "Medical products and equipment" by 4.7% during the comparison period.

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

Health Price Index		Q4 2017	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q4 2018/ Q4 2017	Q4 2018/ Q3 2018
6	General Index	100.0	103.1	103.1	3.1	0.0
61	Medical products, appliances and equipment	100.0	104.7	104.7	4.7	0.0
611	Pharmaceutical products	100.0	103.4	103.4	3.4	0.0
612	Other medical products	100.0	103.2	103.2	3.2	0.0
613	Therapeutic appliances and equipment	100.0	103.6	103.6	3.6	0.0
62	Outpatient Services	100.0	102.3	102.3	2.3	0.0
621	medical services	100.0	106.4	106.4	6.4	0.0
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 is available on SCAD's website at www.scad.gov.abudhabi.

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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