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Dear Ms. Rezvani,

Reference to: RK-10-516.80 E Epilepsy and spasm of a minor

In response to your letter of March 9, 2020 I would like to kindly provide you with requested information regarding the treatment services applicable to 2-year old Georgian citizen with diagnosis of Epilepsy, within the competence of the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia:

Pharmaceutical products listed in the letter are registered in Georgian pharmaceutical market under the following trade names:

1. Active ingredient **Lactuloze** - trade name: DUPHALAC®; Medulac-WM; normase®; LACTULOSUM Polfarmex; HEPATOLAK and etc.
2. Active ingredient **Vitamin D3** - trade name: SHELICAL™ Syrup; CalciD-Denk; Rotavit Calcium Forte and etc.
3. Active ingredient **Baclofen** - trade name: BACLOSAN; LAROBAC ;
4. Active ingredient **Oxarbazepin** - trade name: Trileptal 600 mg tab.
5. Active ingredient **Valproat natrium** - trade name: DEPAKINE®; DEPAKINE ® CHRONO; Valpid - CR 500 and etc.
6. Active ingredient **Diazepam** - trade name: DIAZEPEKS®; DIAZEPAM; RELIUM; RELANIUM

The cost of the mentioned medications are not covered under the state health programs. Since the price setting is a competence of the private companies, the Ministry does not hold such information.

Under the State Health Program, patients (citizens of Georgia) with epilepsy diagnosis are provided with the following medicines (Sodium valproate, Carbamazepine, Levetiracetam 500mg and Lamotrigine) with appropriate co-payment (co-payment should not exceed 25% of the market value of the medication purchased under the program) despite their status.

As for the “Epilepsy care”, please be informed that the specific treatment/therapy for the patients with this diagnose is not covered within the state program. Under the intensive care/critical conditions of the emergency inpatient service component of the UHC Program treatment of the epileptic status is covered.

The services for children with epilepsy syndrome (G40.1- G40.9) are provided under the “Support of Early Childhood Development Sub-program”, which is a part of the “Social Rehabilitation and Child Care State Program” and aims to stimulate the development of children with disabilities or children at risk by providing early intervention services to children under seven years of age (including the month of seven years of age), Promoting social inclusion and inclusion in preschool or secondary education programs, strengthening of children and families, preventing disabilities and abandonment.

Furthermore, the early intervention process includes assessment, planning and delivery of services for children up to three years of age and, if necessary, up to seven years of age, for children with developmental disabilities or children at risk. Early intervention

process aims to support the cognitive, motor, communicative and emotional development of identified children, to prevent developmental delays, to prevent abandonment, as well as to educate and empower their parents in the field of child development.

These services covers 8 visits per month and includes individualized services for children 3-7 years of age in the natural environment, which apart from the home can be a kindergarten, school or other place, where the child spends most of his/her time and group services. Depending on the need (up to 50% of the service to be delivered per month), individual services may also be provided by the provider at the facility, as specified in the individual plan. Working in pairs or in groups should not exceed 50% of the services to be provided per month and must be carried out by the provider with the involvement of their parents/primary caregivers.

Within the framework of the State Program for Social Rehabilitation and Child Care ("Child Rehabilitation/Habilitation" Subprogram) therapeutic intervention is carried out for children under the age of 18 with different nervous disorders. Therapy includes physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, psychological correction, behavioral therapy and training course for parents, fosters, caregivers or legal representatives according to national guidelines.

Annually, 8 courses (duration of ten days) of treatment are fully financed for the patient. Each course consists of 22 interventions by the interdisciplinary team of specialists. Special rehabilitation plan is designed individually for the beneficiaries. The mentioned treatment provided by the program is compensated fully and does not include co-payment from the patient.

Patients with these diagnoses, could be also involved in a home care subprogram for children with severe and profound disabilities. The target group of this sub-program are children with different needs from 0 to 18 years old (International Classification (ICD-10)), in particular, high quality functional disorders of the organ system(s) which cause severe and profound developmental delays. However, pursuant to Article 17 of Order No. 62/N of the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, dated March 17, 2003 has been identified the need for continued assistance from another person, those who require the continued assistance of another person and due to their current state of health may not be eligible for inclusion in their school and / or day care services.

For enrollment in the above-mentioned subprograms, the child's legal representative should apply to the LEPL State Care and Victims of Trafficking, Victim Assistance Agency at the actual place of residence and submit relevant documentation.

The program also provides specialized family-type services for children in foster care and children with severe and profound disabilities or health problems. These sub-programs include children deprived of care whose parents have been restricted, suspended or deprived of their parental rights and responsibilities, their legal representative becoming the guardianship authority. Children are provided with services that are as close as possible to their family environment and meet their needs.

The availability of services depends on their geographical location. If you are interested in a particular sub-program, we are ready to provide you with detailed information about the existing service by region.

Sincerely yours,

First Deputy Minister

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ELECTRONICALLY 

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