

1. State Program for Elimination of Hepatitis C

1.1. Description

Since April 2015, Georgia has been implementing the state program for elimination of hepatitis C. Up to 2020, 95% of all infected people should undergo the treatment course and be cured from the virus. For this purpose the Government of Georgia cooperates with the US Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). American pharmaceutical company Gilead Science provides the country with new generation antiviral medicines free of charge. Treatment of 20 000 persons from hepatitis C is available per year. The pharmaceutical company is motivated since successful course in Georgia shall encourage other countries to also provide medicines to all infected citizens.

1.2. Accessibility

1.2.1. Target Groups

The program is available for all Georgian citizens suffering from hepatitis C. Until June 2016, patients with hepatitis C with acute liver damage were allowed to enter the program. The program is available for all Georgian citizens since June 2016. The program also includes persons from the occupied territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, who have neutral identification or travel documents.

Diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis C, is also fully available and free of charge for persons in the penitentiary system, irrespective of absence of official document of identification.

1.2.2. Administration Process

Any clinic supplying management program for hepatitis C, is considered as the first contact point. For example, the Infectious Disease, Aids and Clinical Immunology Research Center operates in Tbilisi, on 16 Kazbegi Avenue. In the clinics the patient is undergoing diagnostic analysis, the treatment regime is prescribed and certificate of health status – form NIV – 100 / A is issued by the doctor. Based on the submission of the analysis answers and the form NIV-100 / A, the registration of the patients is ongoing within the branches of the LEPL Social Service Agency of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia. Registered statements are considered within the Commission by the competent by physician specialists. The Commission takes the decision concerning the involvement of the patient in the treatment component.

1.3. Achievements

The following services are available for program participants:

- Screening (first analysis);
- Diagnostic analysis before the treatment;
- Treatment of hepatitis C with the new generation antiviral medicines;
- Diagnostics / control in the process of treatment.

Screening, confirmatory and genotype tests for hepatitis C for individuals as well as the SVR is free of charge.

As for the diagnostic surveys before the treatment and the treatment monitoring process, it foresees the co-payment of the patient. For socially vulnerable people state will compensate 70% and 30 % for the others. Local municipalities are actively involved in the reimbursement of co-financing share. For example, Tbilisi City Hall fully compensates co-payment share (30%) for socially vulnerable people living in Tbilisi.

1.3.1. Medications

The following antiviral as well as combined medications are given for free:

- Combination of Ledipasvir and Sofosbuvir, called Harvoni;
- Combination of Sofosbuvir and Velpatasvir, called Epclusa;
- Harvoni and Epclusa in combination with Ribavirin.

1.4. Competent Medical Institutions

The state medical program of hepatitis C is provided by 41 medical institutions in Georgia. They are located in the cities of: Tbilisi, Rustavi (Kvemo Kartli), Batumi (Adjara), Kutaisi (Imereti), Zugdidi (Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti), Lanchkhuti (Guria), Gori (Shida Kartli) and Gurjaani (Kakheti). Specialists of infectious diseases or gastroenterology specialists or family doctors are employed in the establishments. It should be noted that all the services are available in Zugdidi screening center; namely, screening, diagnostics, consultation, treatment and monitoring.

2. HIV / AIDS State Program

2.1. Description

The HIV / AIDS National Strategy and State Program lead HIV / AIDS control mechanism in Georgia. Through the assistance of the Global Fund to Fight HIV / AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, since 2004 Georgia has provided universal access to ARV treatments. The assistance of the Global Fund is gradually decreasing and will be fully completed by 2022. The state gradually replaces the activities of the Global Fund, including the procurement of the antiretroviral drugs.

2.2. Accessibility

2.2.1. Target Groups

The program beneficiaries are the citizens of Georgia as well as the people in the penitentiary establishments, irrespective of the official ID document; furthermore, antiretroviral drug users, in addition to the citizens of Georgia, foreigners permanently living on the territory of Georgia or persons without citizenship. Unlike most of the Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Georgia does not recognize the marginal denomination of CD4 cells, which should be achieved in order an individual to obtain antiretroviral medicines. Infected people have the right to benefit from program at any stage. Here Georgia is following the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO) 2016.

2.2.2. Administration Process

In order to get the service prescribed by the program, Georgian citizen addresses a competent medical institution. Infectious Disease, Aids and Clinical Immunology Research Center exists in Tbilisi, in 16 Kazbegi Avenue. Program services, except Tbilisi, are available in other big cities of Georgia: Batumi (Adjara), Kutaisi (Imereti), Zugdidi (Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti).

2.3. Achievements

The services provided by the program are free for beneficiaries and include the following:

- Outpatient services: voluntary counseling and analysis on HIV / AIDS; double-check through converting methods of positive results obtained by screening examination;
- Visit to the practitioner doctor and if necessary, home visit by the doctor;
- Treatment of opportunistic infections.
- Instrumental diagnostics;
- Hepatitis C treatment monitoring for infected persons.

Inpatient services:

- Laboratory-instrumental diagnostics and treatment of AIDS-indicator and HIV / AIDS accompanied diseases.

Within the frames of the program, providing with HIV / AIDS medicines is available as well.

2.4. Competent medical institutions

Infectious Disease, Aids and Clinical Immunology Research Center, in short - National AIDS Center (NAC), is responsible for coordination of HIV / AIDS treatment in Tbilisi. The NAC prescribes the diagnosis and regulates the involvement in the state program. Furthermore, the amount of viral load and CD4 is measurable as well.

In Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Zugdidi and Sokhumi, medical institutions offer HIV / AIDS infected patients the infectious diseases management services. Antiretroviral therapy is performed in clinics. Centers for infectious diseases do all the necessary laboratory analysis, they have inpatient and outpatient units for the treatment of HIV / AIDS infected patients.

3.State Program of Drug Addiction

3.1. Description

Since 2005, after introduction of drug addiction therapy, Georgia has managed to expand this service gradually. Initially the Global Fund was fully funding the program. In recent years, this assistance has been decreased progressively and since 1 July 2017, medication financed by the Global Fund as well as treatment services is completely covered by the state budget.

The State Programme on Addiction provides:

(1) Detoxification treatment for about 1 000 patients per year, offering both in-patient and outpatient treatment. Detoxification treatment is fully covered through state Addiction program. Currently there are six clinics providing detoxification treatment in Georgia, four of which are based in Tbilisi, one in Khoni (Imereti Region) and one in Batumi (Adjara Region).

(2) Opioid substitution treatment (OST) was initiated in Georgia in 2005. As of February 2018 OST is provided in Tbilisi and regions including the provision of psychosocial rehabilitation from July 1, 2017. OST is carried out with methadone and buprenorphine (under the formulation of Subutex®) and is fully covered through state Addiction program.

(3) Treatment effectiveness is properly monitored through effectiveness evaluation component. National treatment protocols on OST and detoxification treatment are available since 2016.

3.2. Accessibility

All drug addicted Georgian citizens have access to the program. Within the frames of the program, beneficiaries of replacement pharmaceutical products may be foreigners as well who were engaged at the moment of departure in the replacement programs existing abroad. Those who have already undergone drug replacement therapy abroad, should provide translated and notarized medical certificate issued abroad in order to get the same dose in Georgia. While the engagement in the program there is no limit and / or waiting queues – it is free.

Involvement in the stationary detoxification component is performed by order of sequence, where priority is given to:

- Individuals, who have not used services under the program previously;
- HIV / AIDS infected persons;
- Socially vulnerable families registered with less than 70 000 points;
- 18-25 aged persons;
- Females.

3.3. Medical Institutions

Getting of stationary detox service is now available (2018) in six clinics; four of them are located in Tbilisi, one in Imereti and one in Batumi.

Drug replacement therapy programs are delivered by the Centre for Mental Health and Prevention of Addiction LTD in Tbilisi (21a, Kavtaradze St.) and in the big cities of Adjara, Kakheti, Shida Kartli, Imereti, Guria, Samegrelo and Zemo Svaneti. Currently 18 OST sites are operating in different regions of Georgia.

In the country, there are private services of suboxone replacement therapy. It only depends on the desire of the beneficiary whether he/she will be engaged in the state program or would address private service.

2. Other state programs

Below are a number of other state programs, which are related to the profile of the Georgian asylum seekers in Switzerland; however it does not deal with the most widespread diseases. They are not discussed in details.

2.5. Mental Diseases

Mental health state program includes the following services:

- Community outpatient psychiatric services with bio-psycho-social modeling principles by multidisciplinary team (psychiatrist, nurse, social worker / psychiatrist) (including medications);
- Psychosocial rehabilitation;
- Mental health of children;
- Short-term crisis intervention;
- Community based mobile team service;
- Stationary acute and long-term treatment;
- Providing shelter for persons with mental disorders.

Psychiatric inpatient medical assistance is carried out in mental health unit integrated in 8 psychiatric profile and 2 multi-profile institutions, which are located in Tbilisi, Adjara, Samegrelo, Imereti, Shida Kartli and Kvemo Kartli.

State fully covers all the mental illness treatment costs that are given by the above-mentioned services. Together with other mental health pathologies, they cover mental disorders related to the temporary or permanent loss of reality. This includes hallucinations, delusions or thought disorders. There are also frequent strong fears, behavioral disorders.

The program is open to all citizens of Georgia. Compulsory or non-voluntary inpatient service users are the citizens of Georgia or persons in penitentiary establishments despite of not having the official ID document, with respect to which there exists a court decision envisaged by Article 191 of the Criminal Procedure Code of Georgia. Inpatient service consumers, which require the involuntary service, are as well the foreign citizens living in Georgia and persons permanently residing in Georgia.

2.6. Providing Special Medicines

For specific diseases, the state procures medicines and covers the costs fully. Together with other drugs the case concerns to the following medications:

- Insulin and insulin analogues for adults suffering from diabetes;
- Insulin, insulin analogues, glucagon syringe-pens and needles for children under 18, for individuals suffering from diabetes above 18 years, who have problems with vision (or they are blind), Have congenital cerebral palsy and / or diabetes insipidus, down syndrome or Erb–Duchenne palsy;Antidiuretic hormone for those suffering from diabetes insipidus;
- Immunosuppressive medications after transplantation;
- Folic acid and iron preparations for pregnant women within the component of antenatal supervision;

- Medicines for rare diseases (including for those suffering from hemophilia, food additives for phenylketonuria patients, for mucoviscidosis patients, for children under 18 years of age with Bruton's disease, for patients with growth hormone deficiency and turner syndrome, for children under the age of 18 who are suffering from juvenile arthritis, for those suffering from thalassemia);
- Methadone and buprenorphine needed for drug replacement therapy;
- Painkillers (including, morphine injections and tablets) for patients suffering from incurable disease.

In order to get the majority of medications, the Social Service Agency issues the voucher based on the submission of an application and identity ID document; the another part is delivered together with the service.

2.6.1. Medications for Early Breast Cancer

For patients with HER2-positive breast cancer, at I-III stage there exists a program, which funds the medication Herceptin (active ingredient Trastuzumab). Since February 2016 state delivers with the special price as well as financially assists 80% of the cost of medicines. Despite the fact that the state preference exceeds, according to Georgian newspaper article. Those who live in Tbilisi and have less than 150 000 rating scores in the unified database of socially vulnerable families, get medicines free of charge.

2.7. TB Management

Global Fund and US Agency for International Development financially as well as technically assists Georgia to defeat TB. Global Fund wants to come out of Georgia by 2022. Georgia therefore increases its annual funding share and expresses hope to fully fund the program until 2020.

The program covers following outpatient services:

- Visits to doctor-specialist (psychiatrist / pulmonologist);
- X-ray and laboratory analysis;
- Provide medicines (including new generation medicines such as Delamanid and Bedakilin);
- In terms of ambulatory service, the beneficiary may also take medicines under the supervision of the clinic (DOT).

Program covers inpatient services, including treatment of resistant TB form. Furthermore, during the stationary service, following is carried out:

- Other instrumental and laboratory diagnostics;
- Specific therapeutic and surgical interventions;
- Medicines necessary for TB and symptomatic treatment are provided.

The state covers the expenses fully. Citizens of Georgia, foreigners who have the right to residence, persons without officially recognized citizenship, persons deprived of liberty in Georgia. For the

outpatient treatment, the primary health care facility is addressed or the specialized institution of tuberculosis according to the residential area.

Universal accessibility on modern methods for treatment and diagnosis of all forms of TB, including M/XDR-TB is ensured. The leading institution is the National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases Ltd located in Khudadovi Street in Tbilisi.

2.8. Dialysis and Renal Transplantation

Together with the other services, the program includes the following:

- Hemodialysis (clinical examinations, laboratory analysis, materials and medicines);
- Peritoneal dialysis (clinical examinations, laboratory analysis, materials and medicines);
- Renal transplantation;
- Immunosuppressive medications after transplantation (see the Special Medication Program, Chapter 7.2. Accessibility).

The state mainly reimburses the full costs. Effective costs for renal transplantation will be reimbursed, but not more than 20 000 GEL. According to the Head of the Department of Renal Replacement Therapy and Nephrology of High Technology Medical Center, patients do not pay anything in their institution.

Georgian citizens suffering from terminal renal impairment have the right to participate in the program. In order to get a dialysis list, it is necessary to apply to the Social Service Agency. According to one of the Nephrology specialist of the Tbilisi Republic Hospital, as a rule, the Social Service Agency needs 2-3 days to process the application. In urgent need, dialysis and other services will be provided immediately within the relevant program. Appropriate clinic should be applied for renal transplantation. After that, the Social Service Agency shall issue identification documentations.

2.9. Urgent Emergency Assistance and Medical Transportation

Program includes several emergency services, such as medical emergency on spot, hospitalization home service (stabilization). The beneficiaries of the program are the citizens of Georgian, persons living permanently in Georgia and persons living on the occupied territory of Georgia; Furthermore, persons on the territory of Georgia.

The second component of the program is medical transportation – the referral assistance which covers the management of referral cases of critical and urgent situations; consulting by the referral brigade on the site; stabilization of the situation; medical transportation of complicated cases; the citizens of Georgia, persons living permanently in Georgia and persons living on the occupied territory of Georgia are the beneficiaries of the program.

The program service expenses are completely covered by the state.

2.10. Palliative Care

State Program on "Palliative Care of Incurable Patients" covers the following services:

- Outpatient care;

- Inpatient care for incurable patients as well as those in AIDS / terminal stage.

Outpatient care is free of charge only for incurable patients who are the citizens of Georgia and are registered in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Telavi, Zugdidi, Ozurgeti and Gori municipalities. Payment service is the visit;

- Reimbursement of stationary services are based on the bed day financing mechanism. The cost of bed is covered with the program: 70% of actual cost of service, the co-payment of beneficiary is 30%;
- For students and citizens of Georgia with sharply expressed disability - 80% of actual cost of service, the co-payment of beneficiary is 20%;
- For pension age persons, program covers 90% of actual cost of service. Co-payment of beneficiary is 10%.

2. Within the frames of the service following service under the program does not subject to co-payment:

- For socially unprotected, public artists, teachers, compact settlements;
- For 0-5 aged children and children with disabilities;
- For veterans with age pensions as well as the veterans with sharply expressed disability;
- For people infected with HIV / AIDS.

3. Universal Health Care (UHC) Program

3.1. Description

In 2013 Universal Health Care (UHC) Program was launched in Georgia. This is a state-managed, universal health care system, mostly with private medical facilities. Universal Health Care program (Krankenkasse) ensures financial and geographical accessibility for all users at main medical services. For some medical services, several category of users need to pay co-payment.

3.2. Accessibility

3.2.1. Target Groups

Beneficiaries of the UHC program are the citizens of Georgia, stateless people, persons with a neutral ID and a neutral travel document, as well as the individuals with the refugee and humanitarian status, asylum seekers; Since 1 May 2017, the expenditure covering is differentiated according to the revenue. Persons with high income (40 000 GEL and more per year) were excluded from the main package of the UHC program (within the frames of this program they are delivered only treatment services for childbirth, caesarean section, medical services for pregnant women, parturient and puerperas with high risk, and treatment services for infectious diseases). People with medium and low income receive relatively different services (more or less limited). Furthermore, if these individuals were involved in private insurance schemes as of January 1, 2017 or were insured by the employer, within the frames of this program, treatment services will be provided only for childbearing, cesarean section, high risk pregnancy, maternal and infectious diseases; in case for any of the reasons the insurance contract has been terminated and they are no

longer insured, they have the right to use the so-called minimum package within 6 months, and after 6 months with the complete package of user categories. Services for socially vulnerable groups, children, disabled persons and pensioners remain unchanged.

Reference: Georgia registers households, according to the well-being in the "Unified Database of Socially Unprotected Families". Household assessment is based on family reference.

3.2.2. Administration Process

In case of urgent cases, the applicant applies to any medical institution, which is engaged in Universal Health Care program. For a planned stationary treatment, the applicant addresses the Social Service Agency with the form NIV-100/a from the medical institution where he/she wants to receive the service; furthermore, since 1 January 2018, for the purpose of receiving stationary services the relevant clinic submits the patient documentation to the Social Service Agency (beneficiary is not obliged to address the Agency).

Social Service Agency issues the voucher or guarantee letter regarding the expenses for the requested medical service.

According to the Regional Bureau of the UNCHR, registration in the UHC program is easy.

For information, within the Ministry there exists hotline – 1505. The portal of the patient has also been launched through which patients can get information on the services provided by the state on time and in the language, they understand.

3.3. Achievements

Costs of the UHC program beneficiaries are covered fully or partially. State reimburses the amount according to the prescribed tariff. Tariffs are calculated according to the average values presented by the clinics; as for the planned inpatient services, amount is calculated according to the tariff areas, which is recalculated in every 6 months; taking into consideration of the values of interference codes and specific nosology uploaded / presented by the clinics. Furthermore, some services of inpatient care (critical conditions, as well as certain emergency situations) may be reimbursed fully, according to the prescribed tariffs.

Program services for socially vulnerable people, teachers and densely populated refugees as well as public artists and veterans are compensated with 100 %.

A number of emergency services for people of pension age are recovered by 100%. Other urgent as well as oncologic diseases treatment, the planned stationary service is covered by 90%. Part of emergency inpatient services are reimbursed with 100% to children under the age of 0-6 years, disabled children, persons with sharp disabilities and students; other

urgent hospital services, as well as treatment of oncologic diseases, the planned stationary service is covered by 80%. For complete basic package users (individuals with up to 100 000 points, 6-18 aged children) the part of emergency inpatient services is covered by 100%, other emergency inpatient

services as well as treatment of oncological diseases, and the planned stationary treatment (surgical operations) is covered by 70%.

infectious diseases treatment(80% of the set tariffs are covered by the state), Inpatient services for delivery / caesarean section (within the established limit – 500 and 800 GEL) medical services for pregnant women, parturient and puerperas with high risk are available for all.

Expenditure of the planned outpatient services determined by the state is covered with 70-100%, which covers:

Visits to a family doctor; furthermore, laboratory studies, including: glucose in peripheral blood, creatinine, hemoglobin, cholesterol in the blood, determining serum lipids, stool analysis on coarse bleeding, prothrombin time (INR),

Liver functional samples: ALT, AST; Thyroid functional sample TS;

Ultrasound of the digestive system, urinary system and pelvic organs (according to the systems, transabdominant), X-ray of the chest and bones

Visits with the doctor-specialist (endocrinologist, ophthalmologist, cardiologist, neurologist, otorinolaryngologist, gynecologist, urologist, and surgeon) is covered with 70-100%.

Since 2017, the state provides the medicines for chronic diseases for those people who have less than 100 000 rating scores in the socially vulnerable families' database. The following chronic illness medications are discussed:

- Cardiovascular diseases;
- Lung diseases;
- Type 2 diabetes;
- Thyroid diseases.

For each medication beneficiaries should pay 10% of the cost of medications but not less than 0,05 (5 tetris) GEL and not more than 1 (one) GEL. The program prescribes the following medicines:

- Cardiovascular:
 - Enalapril (hypertension);
 - Losartan (hypertension);
 - Amlodipine (hypertension);
 - Metoprol (hypertonia);
 - Amiodarone (antiarrhythmic);
 - Isosorbide Dinitrate (including in case of angina pectoris and coronary sclerosis);
 - Varparin (blood clotting);
 - Clopidogrel (platelet aggregation inhibitor);
 - Digoxin (heart failure, supraventricular tachycardia);
 - Furosemide (diuretic);
 - Spironolactone (diuretic);
 - Atorvastatin (lipids level reduction).

- Anti-diabetic
 - Metformin (peroral treatment of diabetes);
 - Gliklazid (peroral treatment of diabetes);
 - Glimepiride (peroral treatment of diabetes).

- Asthma and nasal spray, as well as lung system medications:
 - Budesonide suspension (cortisone in the treatment of asthma);
 - Budesonide aerosol (cortisone in nasal spray);
 - Albuterol (treatment of asthma);
 - Salmeterol / Fluticasone (treatment of asthma; bronchodilator in combination with cortisone);
 - Salbutamol (treatment of asthma; bronchodilator);
 - Tiotropium bromide (COPD-chronic obstructive pulmonary disease);
 - Methylprednisolone (systemic glucocorticoid).

- Thyroid hormones:
 - Tiamazole (thyroid hypersensitivity);
 - Levothyroxine (thyroid hormone in the hypothyroidism of the thyroid gland).

- Medicines for Epilepsy diseases:
 - Depakine,
 - Carbamazepine;
 - Levetiracetame;
 - Lamotrigine;

- Medicines for Parkinson diseases:
 - Madopar;

Within the frames of the UHC program treatment abroad as well as the organs transplantation is not covered.

Some groups of the beneficiaries of the UHC program have the opportunity to receive in addition to the program service to get private health insurance individually or be insured by the employer.

3.3.1. Differentiation according to a group of individuals

Practical guidelines: the abovementioned services have been adjusted in the UHC program. It is expected that it will be changed in the future. The Social Service Agency website provides a list of medical services, which are covered with the UHC program as well as the share of the costs which is paid by the state for the specific groups. The list is available only in Georgian and therefore requires translator consultation.

The basic services defined by the Universal Health Care Program fully cover the following:

- Persons who have less than 70 000 rating scores in the socially vulnerable families' database;
- Children of 0-6 age;
- Pensioners, which imply female from 60 years old, males from 65 males;
- Teachers and caregivers of educational institutions;
- Students;
- Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs);
- Individuals with sharply expressed disability and children with disabilities.

The same services with the minimum limitation (for example, for this group emergency assistance is defined in one case with maximum amount of 15 000 GEL / 5 696 CHF, instead of unlimited service) cover as well:

- Children and adolescents from 6 to 18 years;
- Persons who have more than 70 000 and less than 100 000 rating scores in the socially vulnerable families' database;
- Veterans.

For all the above mentioned groups, planned operations are covered annually with maximum 15 000 GEL / 5 696 CHF, oncological surgical interventions, are covered annually with maximum is 12 000 GEL / 4 557 CHF and for pension age, as well as up to 6 years old children, PWDs and students annual maximum 15 000 GEL / 5 696 CHF is defined for chemo, hormone and radiation therapy.

Limited package of UHC program cover:

- Individuals with less than 1 000 GEL / 380 CHF income;

While urgent assistance in case of outpatient services for these groups 50% of costs are foreseen; urgent inpatient services – 100%; other urgent services – with 70%; planned stationary service is covered by 70%, however, the share of the payment of the patient should be not less than 500 GEL (190 CHF).

For people with more than monthly income of 1 000 GEL / 380 CHF but not more than 40 000 GEL / 15 190 CHF per year, services are even more limited. Emergency hospital services are covered by 90% or 70% and planned stationary service is covered by 70%, however share of the payment of the patient should be not less than 1000 GEL / 380 CHF. Treatment and delivery of oncological diseases (chemo, hormone and radiation therapy) and childbirth remain unchanged.

Citizens of Georgia with more than 40 000 GEL / 15 190 CHF income, will not be able to receive UHC program services from May 2017, except for delivery and cesarean section, high risk pregnant, maternal inpatient care and infectious diseases management.

Differentiation according to the vulnerability, age and income operates for UHC program only and not for the state health care programs named below.

3.4. Competent Medical Institutions

All the medical institutions, which satisfy the requirements defined by the Georgian legislation and express the desire to participate in UHC program. Georgian citizens are free to choose a medical institution. Planned outpatient service providers can be changed once in 2 months.

4. Comments and Assessment

Access to health care has significantly improved in the last five years. This relates especially to hepatitis C, HIV / AIDS and drug addiction. The amount of the payment ensured by the patient for the health care is still high; however, according to the diseases and medical service providers the amount of own payment decreases. Since 2013 patients are able to freely choose medical service providers. Thus, mobile persons have the opportunity, to select optimal provider. Georgia has drastically reduced daily corruption in recent years. Non-formal payments are no longer a matter of health care. In the context of Georgia, high solidarity should also be taken into consideration within the larger family. It plays an important role in financing medical care.

The Georgian government - Georgian Dream evaluates with high scores the simplification of access to health care. Aspiration for success, which is being implemented by the Georgian Dream, has led to the reforms being implemented in health care. This is especially evident in the case of the health care program (UHC). The next year, with the end of the Global Fund assistance, shows whether the government will implement a financial sustainability plan for programs.

There is no doubt, for example, regarding the HIV / AIDS program as well as the program concerning the drug addiction, which is well-established in terms of legal basis and relevant institutions. In addition, Georgia has a great openness in the regional context in terms of foreign aid and know-how. This is indicated by the drug addiction program as well as the innovative cooperation with the external actors, which ensure the possibility of delivering expensive medicines for hepatitis C for free.