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GERMANY DECIDES TO MAINTAIN THE REIMBURSEMENT OF HOMEOPATHIC MEDECINES

October 2019 - After long months of debates and controversies, the German Minister of Health decided on September 17 that his government will maintain the reimbursement of homeopathic medicines by health insurers. This decision was made while detractors of homeopathy tried for several years to interrupt its reimbursement.

Thanks to a broad mobilization of all players and to a deep debate allowing to give the word to patients and the health care professionals, the importance of maintaining the freedom of choice for patients won out. All the more so, regarding the global cost which is minimal for public finances. It is therefore a balanced decision, tinged with pragmatism and common sense.

Furthermore, it should be noted that Switzerland, after a public consultation, continues to take charge of homeopathy. In addition, Luxembourg has also recently indicated that homeopathic medicines are maintained in the reimbursed health care offer.

Each health care system is different and this decision is obviously not transposable everywhere. But this is a positive signal sent by one of the cradles of homeopathy and shows that there is no fatality: let us continue to make our case with conviction and determination whenever possible.