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UKRAINE MARKS A MAJOR REFORM MILESTONE IN ESTABLISHING THE UKRAINIAN PHARMACEUTICAL AGENCY



The establishment of the Ukrainian Pharmaceutical Agency marks a major milestone in strengthening Ukraine's pharmaceutical regulatory system

On June 4, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted the [Decree](#) formally establishing the Ukrainian Pharmaceutical Agency (UPA), marking a major milestone in one of the country's most significant pharmaceutical reforms in recent years.

Beginning January 1, 2027, the UPA will serve as Ukraine's single medicines regulatory authority, strengthening oversight across the full lifecycle of medicines while aligning the country's regulatory system with European and international standards.

The reform has been led by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine (MOH) in close cooperation with the State Service of Ukraine on Medicines and Drugs Control, the State Expert Center, the European Union Twinning

Project, and other national and international partners.

As part of this collaboration, SAFEMed embedded a team of experts with the MOH to accelerate progress on reforms. This team contributed technical expertise in legal drafting, institutional and financial planning, organizational design, governance, staffing, and the integration of international regulatory practices, helping establish the institutional foundations for the Agency.

Implementation continues to advance. On June 18, the MOH launched a public consultation on the draft methodology for calculating contributions and fees that will finance the Agency, marking another important step toward its sustainable and independent operation.

The reform will create a more transparent, efficient, and financially sustainable regulatory system that strengthens public confidence, improves predictability for manufacturers and suppliers, and supports Ukraine's long-term integration with European regulatory frameworks.

SAFEMED BRINGS HOSPITAL-BASED HTA TRAINING TO LVIV

On June 12, SAFEMed and the State Expert Center (SEC) launched a training initiative on Hospital-Based Health Technology Assessment (HB-HTA) at the University Hospital of Danylo Halytsky Lviv National Medical University. The event brought together 80 representatives from academia and clinical practice, reflecting growing interest in expanding the use of HB-HTA across Ukraine's healthcare system.

Hospital-Based HTA helps hospitals make evidence-informed decisions about adopting new medicines, medical devices, and healthcare technologies, ensuring that limited resources are invested where they deliver the greatest value for patients.

During the event, experts from the SEC and SAFEMed presented Ukraine's progress in developing HB-HTA and practical experience with its implementation in hospital settings.

The initiative marks another step toward expanding HB-HTA beyond national institutions and embedding it in regional healthcare facilities. As the next phase of this collaboration, SAFEMed will deliver a dedicated HB-HTA training program for the same hospital, with a similar initiative planned in another region. By strengthening local capacity for evidence-informed decision-making, SAFEMed is helping healthcare institutions make better use of limited public resources, improve the transparency and predictability of investment decisions, and build sustainable systems that continue delivering value long after project support concludes.



Participants of the HB-HTA training launched by SAFEMed and the State Expert Center at the University Hospital of Danylo Halytsky Lviv National Medical University, Lviv, June 12, 2026

About SAFEMed

The Safe, Affordable, and Effective Medicines (SAFEMed) for Ukrainians Activity is designed to support the Government of Ukraine in its ongoing efforts to reform its health care system and expand access to affordable and reliable medicines. With support from the U.S. Government, the MSH-led project provides technical and legal assistance to strengthen Ukraine's pharmaceutical sector. Our work in Ukraine aims to boost transparency, improve cost efficiency, and strengthen the pharmaceutical supply chain, ultimately leading to better availability and use of essential medicines and health commodities for TB, HIV and AIDS, COVID-19, and noncommunicable diseases. We support the Government of Ukraine in its ongoing efforts to reform its healthcare system in the wake of the war.

SAFEMED SUPPORTS REGIONAL MONITORING OF UKRAINE'S UPDATED IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE



Participants of the regional monitoring visit to Dnipropetrovsk Region, conducted as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen implementation of Ukraine's updated National Immunization Schedule

Demand for HPV vaccination has been exceptionally strong following its inclusion in Ukraine's updated National Immunization Schedule. By June 2026, most publicly funded HPV vaccine doses had already been administered in many regions. The finding emerged through a series of regional monitoring visits supported by SAFEMed in collaboration with the Center for Public Health of Ukraine (CPH) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Throughout 2026, the monitoring visits have assessed implementation of the updated immunization schedule, regional readiness, vaccine management, and opportunities to strengthen service delivery. During the June 10 visit to Dnipropetrovsk Region, the monitoring confirmed strong operational readiness, effective coordination between public health authorities and healthcare providers, and robust vaccine management and cold chain practices, while identifying opportunities to

further strengthen data-driven planning and forecasting.

Through its technical support to regional monitoring activities, SAFEMed helps strengthen implementation of Ukraine's updated National Immunization Schedule by supporting evidence-based planning, improving vaccine management, and identifying practical opportunities to enhance immunization service delivery. Stronger immunization systems help prevent the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases, protect public health, and ensure that investments in vaccines deliver lasting impact.

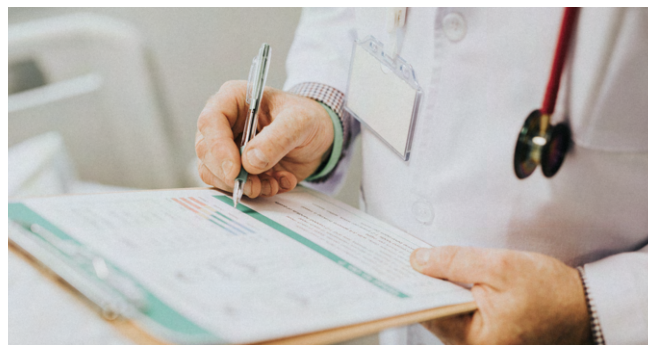
SAFEMED STRENGTHENS GOOD DISTRIBUTION PRACTICE COMPLIANCE AT MEDICAL PROCUREMENT OF UKRAINE

On June 19, Medical Procurement of Ukraine (MPU) **completed** a Good Distribution Practice (GDP) training program supported by SAFEMed, reinforcing the institution's capacity to maintain internationally recognized standards for the storage, transportation, and distribution of medicines and medical products.

Delivered over three weeks in May and June, the program brought together 22 MPU specialists from logistics, quality management, and management units.

Participants completed 11 training modules covering key aspects of GDP, including quality management systems, risk management, supplier qualification, audits, storage and transportation requirements, and validation activities. Upon successful completion, participants received certificates, while eligible pharmaceutical specialists earned accredited Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits.

By strengthening local expertise and institutional capacity, SAFEMed helps Ukrainian institutions independently maintain internationally recognized standards for the distribution of medicines and medical products, contributing to a more reliable pharmaceutical supply system and lasting improvements in health system performance.



Strengthening Good Distribution Practice (GDP) compliance helps ensure that medicines are stored, transported, and distributed according to international quality standards

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