

Cost	Reliability	Entities
32.0 Per Episode	C	Administração Central do Sistema de Saúde, I.P.

Update Likelihood	Reference Year
Medium	2022

## Methodology

This value is mentioned in the [Terms of Reference for Contracting Health Care in the National Health System for 2022](<https://www.acss.min-saude.pt/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/TR-Contratualizacao2022VF.pdf>), published by the Central Administration of the Health System. This document includes the reference prices per service to be considered when negotiating contracts (*Contrato-Programa*) with Hospital Institutions and Local Health Units.

**Please keep in mind that this value is only indicative of the cost for the State.** This value is a proxy for the cost of the disease/treatment at the hospital level. It does not necessarily reflect a set of other costs associated with other levels of care for the same disease/treatment or even costs related to the same treatment process at the hospital itself.

Prices contracted might differ from reference prices. There are mechanisms in place that allow for price flexibility, depending on each region's priority areas.

~~This value reflects a direct cost.~~

In a day hospital session, the patient receives **scheduled** health care and remains under medical surveillance for a period inferior to 24 hours.



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