

Distribution and dispensing of medicines Spain (Document 130/2008)

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In Spain the distribution and dispensing of medicines is subjected to a major public regulation, which often seem driven more by interests sectoral units and undesirable path for the elusive concept of good common, or the achievement of the health benefits which everybody can help. Indeed we need: harnessing the potential benefits of planning implemented by modifying some its mechanisms and eliminating undesirable. Also the opportunities provide an agile distribution-existing nuclear factor of accessibility and the potential the pharmacy. Not required to join the opening of a pharmacy with her recognition as a provider National Health System, the responsibility of the managers of it. Thus, liberalize the opening, restricting the number of centers to "conventions" in each demarcation (selective). Abolish the redundant and inefficient specific qualifications to hold the property of a pharmacy, while also improving the mechanisms for an effective guarantee of performance in activities that require it. Reconsider the pros and cons of integration of suppliers from the perspective the efficiency of the system, its benefits for consumers and funders, and not from the profits and losses of some of the parties concerned. And with that the effects attributed to vertical integration are also driven by the direct link between ownership of a pharmacy and participation in wholesale distribution.