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### PHARMACY IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

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Many changes in the Czech (Czechoslovak) pharmacy occurred in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century after political and economical changes that affected the Czechoslovak society after the February events in 1948.

The development of the pharmacy organization can be characterized in a short way: the first attempts to break into the private business in pharmacy were brought through decrees about confiscated property of the Germans, collaborators and traitors soon after 1945 when, according to those decrees, approximately 32% of pharmacies came under the national custody. Since January 1, 1949 the pharmacies were taken into the property of the Central National Insurance Office and since January 1, 1950 they entered in the national enterprise Medika and the above mentioned enterprise purchased the rest of private pharmacies by the end of 1950. Their owners became the employees of Medika.

The period of pharmaceutical service development in the sense of the united socialistic health service was over at the beginning of the 90s and a second system change in pharmacy (in the last 50 years) began. Pharmacy retreating from the medical sphere appears in the public mind among shops even if specialized. In the same time the possibility of private pharmacies was pushed through. Moreover the law allows non-regulated pharmacy establishment.