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Threading the NEDL

After months of delay, the National Essential Drug List (NEDL) and its accompanying document, the 'Implementation Opinion on Setting up the National Essential Drug System', have been released by the State Council. (The list and a highlight summary of the implementation document follow this article.) This recently released version of the NEDL and implementation opinion has been specifically targeted at community and rural grassroots facilities,* with a second supplementary list for level two and three hospitals and large-

er medical institutions slated for release in September. The new implementation policy suggests that there will be high-levels of government involvement and control over prices, tendering, and prescribing/dispensing in the coming essential drug system, resulting in significant changes to the business landscape and drug market across the (community healthcare/lower segment) of the value chain, from pharmaceutical manufacturers and distribu-

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