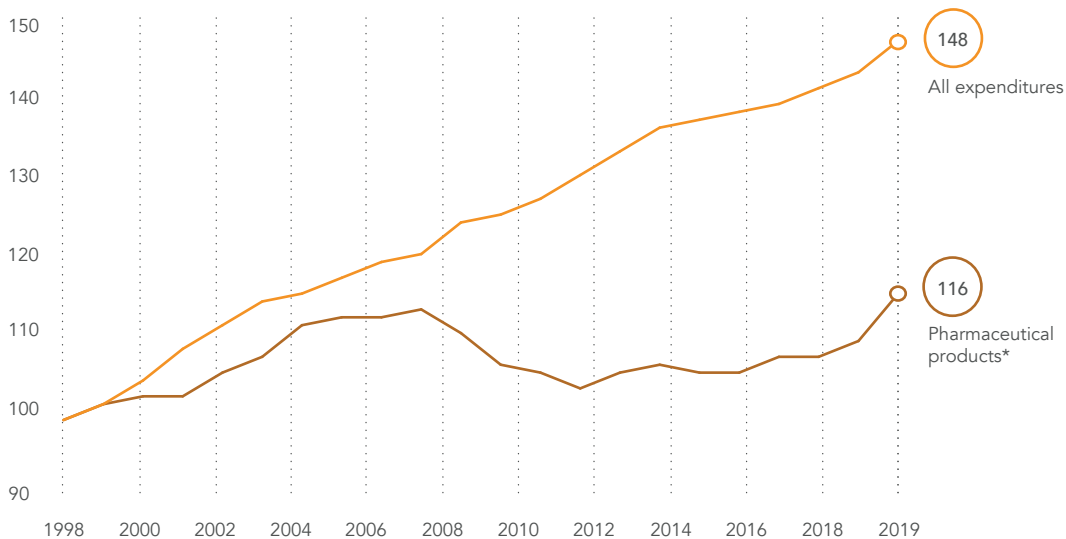


PRICE INCREASE OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS LESS THAN AVERAGE

PRICE INDEX OF ALL CONSUMER SPENDING OFFSET AGAINST PRICE INDEX FOR PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS (1998=100)



* This regards medicines, medicinal preparations, sera, vaccines, vitamins and minerals, delivery line, oral contraceptives and homeopathic medicines.