

In pharmacies in Lombardy, free Holter and ECG for heart disease patients and the "pharmacological reconciliation" service will start from June

Starting from June, citizens resident or domiciled in Lombardy, entitled with exemption for cardiovascular pathologies, will be able to undergo tests, such as blood pressure Holter, cardiac Holter, ECG, free of charge in the Lombardy pharmacies. These are telemedicine services, which can be accessed only by showing a doctor's prescription. The service will soon also be extended to patients with diabetes problems. This is provided for by Regional Council Resolution No. XII/2405.

It is a project that is part of the experimentation regarding the "pharmacy of services": pharmacies intended as real local healthcare facilities. Currently around 2,000 pharmacies already offer this service at the expense of the citizen, but with the new Regional Council Resolution pharmacies are accredited as suppliers of the National Health Service. The medical reports will also be viewable on the Citizen's Health File, after having been reported remotely by a specialist doctor operating in a facility accredited by the Lombardy Region.

Another service assigned to pharmacies will be the "reconciliation of drug therapy": the pharmacist will administer a questionnaire to the patient regarding the list of drugs he takes, any supplements or other products, also those that should be administered in specific circumstance. This information can facilitate the doctor in his prescriptive activity and preventing adverse and dangerous risks, especially in the case of polypharmacy. It is hoped that this service will encourage greater therapeutic adherence, reducing the risk of improper use of medicines.



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