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Amendment and supplementation of the Joint Ministerial Decision No 139491/2006 (Gov. Gazette 1747/B) "Definition of conditions, criteria and procedures for accessing the system of hospital and pharmaceutical healthcare of uninsured and financial weak citizens".

**THE MINISTERS OF FINANCE-HEALTH-EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL
INSURANCE AND WELFARE**

Having considered:

1. The provisions:

a) of article 44 of Law 2082/1992 (Gov. Gazette 158/A) "Re-organisation of Social Welfare and establishment of new institutions for Social Protection".

b) of the law 4238/2013 (Gov. Gazette 38/A) "1st Degree national Health network (PEDY), change of the object of EOPYY and other provisions".

c) of the article 22 of Law 2362/1995 as today in force.

d) of the articles 13, 15 and 14 of the P.D. 95 (Gov. Gazette 76/A) "Organisation of the Ministry of Health and Welfare" as amended and supplemented.

e) The P.D. 113/2010 "Assumption of obligations by the Governors (Gov. Gazette/A194/2010).

f) The Joint Ministerial Decision 139491/2006 (Gov. Gazette 1747/B) "Definition of conditions, criteria and procedures for accessing the system of hospital and pharmaceutical healthcare of uninsured and financial weak citizens".

g) The decision No Y48/9-7-2012 "Determination of competences of the Alternate

Minister of Finance Christos Staikouras" (B/2105).

2. The expenditure that will be incurred by the said decision will be covered by the approved budgets of the Hospitals.

3. The need to widen the categories of the persons entitled to free hospital care (for long-time or short-time) due to unfavourable financial and social conditions of the country, we decide:

We amend and supplement the joint ministerial decision No 139491/2006 of the Ministers of Health and Social Solidarity and Economy and Finance, as follows:

At the end of Section A of the decision, the following paragraphs are added:

8. Persons entitled to free hospital care (long-time or short-time) are the following categories of citizens:

a. Uninsured Greek citizens of citizens of Greek origin (fellow countrymen, holders of a relevant ID card) or citizens of member-states of the European Union or citizens of third countries, who legally and permanently live in Greece, who cannot meet the conditions for the issuance of a health-book of an uninsured person and are not insured with any public or private agency and

b. Insured persons who have lost their insurance capacity due to debts towards the relevant Insurance Funds, as well as members of their families depended thereupon.

9. A three-members committee of the Hospital is competent for deciding the persons entitled to the benefit set out in par. 8.

In each Hospital, three-member committees are appointed by the Governor, as the case may be, in the Pathologic, Surgical and Psychiatric Sector.

The said Committees are formed by the Director of the Medical Department who acts as Chairman, the Coordinator Director of the respective Sector and the Director of the Administrative-Financial Service, who are the members of the committee. By virtue of the same decision, an administrative employee of the Hospital is appointed as secretary of the committee. The meetings of the committees are held within the working hours.

10. For the categories of persons entitled to free healthcare set out in par. 8 the following is set out:

a. For those with health problems, free hospital healthcare is provided, only if they produce, upon their relevant request, a medical opinion signed by the attending physician and the supervisor of the respective department to the three-member Committee of the Hospital to which they have been referred.

The committees appointed in this decision promptly convene in order to decide on the

requests filed and they suggest to the Board of Directors the final approval of the expenditure.

Free hospital healthcare thereof concerns everything that is related to their condition and is provided only in the Hospital where they are treated, for as long as it takes.

b. For those visiting the ER, it is a condition precedent that their case is characterised as an emergency by the ER Manager.

For the said category, free hospital healthcare is rendered only if they produce a medical opinion from the ER Manager to the Committees appointed and the above procedure is followed.

Free hospital healthcare of these persons concerns the period from the time they enter the ER unit until the written reassurance of the physicians in charge that all necessary tests or operations were performed and their health is no longer in danger.

11. The persons entitled to free healthcare set out in par. (a) above, are referred to NHS Hospitals by the public departments for the provision of 1st Degree Healthcare Services of the PEDY and the Ordinary Outgoing Patients of Hospitals.

12. For the above cases, the insurance capacity is certified by the relevant Insurance Fund or any agency legalised to certify the insurance capacity. The actions required for the verification of the insurance capacity are ex officio performed by the Hospitals.

13. The decision of the above-appointed three-member Committees and of the Boards of Directors of the Hospitals may be subject to audit by the S.E.Y.P.P.

14. The persons entitled to free healthcare, who are set out in par. 8 are obliged to have a Social Insurance Register No (AMKA), in order to be subjected to the provisions of this decision.

This decision must be published in the Government Gazette.

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