

Universal and mandatory application of prescribing protocols

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY - THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SOLIDARITY**

Having regard to:

1. the provisions of Law 1397/1983 “National Health System” (Government Gazette 143/A/1983), as currently in force;
2. the provisions of Article 53 of Law 2071/1992 “Modernisation and organisation of the Health System” (Government Gazette 123/A/1992);
3. the provisions of para 2 of Article 3 and para 1 of Article 4 of Law 1278/1982 «On Setting up a Central Health Council” (Government Gazette 105/A/1982), as reinstated by Article 1 of Law 2194/1994 “Restoration of the National Health System and other provisions” (Government Gazette 34/A/1994);
4. Presidential Decree 95/2000 “Organisation of the Ministry of Health and Welfare” (Government Gazette 76/A/2000), as amended and supplemented by Presidential Decree 299 (Government Gazette 240/A/2000);
5. Ministerial Decision Y4α/οικ.125677/15.11.2011 “Endorsement of the decision of the Central Health Council (KESY) plenary regarding therapeutic protocols”;
6. Ministerial Decision Y4α/οικ.142864/27.12.2011 “Pilot application of therapeutic protocols”;
7. Decision No. 19/25.1.2012 of the Central Council of Health Regions (KESYPE);
8. the need for the universal and mandatory application of therapeutic protocols for the treatment of respective diseases;
9. the fact that the government budget shall not incur any expenditure as a result of this Decision;

We decide as follows:

The full and universal application of guidelines contained in the one hundred and sixty (160) therapeutic protocols approved by KESY, as published and posted on the website of the National Organisation for Medicines (EOF).

The Managers of relevant Deputy Managers of Healthcare Regions of the country as well as the Directors of Prefectural Health Units of EOPYY are hereby entrusted with the enforcement and monitoring of therapeutic protocols, setting up under their supervision, three-member committees at each hospital and each Prefectural Health Unit of EOPYY, in their field of competence.

The above committees shall be set up at NHS hospitals and private hospitals and shall comprise the Medical Director, the Nursing Director and the hospital Pharmacy. Their mandate shall be to implement, monitor, register and assess therapeutic protocols.

Similar committees shall be established within each Prefectural Health Unit of EOPYY.

With the mandate to coordinate and monitor the universal application of therapeutic protocols and to prepare a monthly progress report, a three-member committee shall be hereby set up, comprising:

- (a) Olga Oikonomou, Manager of General Hospital Sismanogleio; as Chairperson;
- (b) Fanis Rigatos, Health Director of the Single Insurance Fund for the Self-Employed (ETAΕ), ETN surgeon; and
- (c) Georgios Petrikos, Professor of Infectious Diseases, Director of 4<sup>th</sup> Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, National and Capodistrian University of Athens.

The government budget shall not incur any expenditure as a result of this Decision.

We order that this Decision be published in the Government Gazette.  
Athens, 29 February 2012

THE MINISTERS

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