

To
The honourable
Minister of Health
Mr Panayotis Kouroublis

Cc:
Mr I. Dragatsaks, Vice President of the Government
Mr G. Stathakis, Minister of Economy, Infrastructure, Maritime & Tourism
Mr A. Xanthos, Alternate Minister of Health
Mr Sp. Kokkinanis, General Secretary of the Ministry of Health
Mr I. Baskozos, General Secretary of Public Health
Mr D. Kontos, President of EOPPY

Chalandri, April 27, 2015

Dear Minister,

We hereby readdress the particularly critical issue of the outstanding debts of the State Hospitals to the pharmaceutical companies, which accumulate in a rather concerning rate and **drive the companies to a financial dead-end due to the lack of liquidity**, mainly after the possible transfer of cash of hospitals and funds.

More specifically, the debts of EOPYY to our companies-members reach the amount of Euro 625 m. the State hospital debts reach the amount of Euro 311 m., while the total debts of the State to pharmaceutical companies -members of our Association exceed the amount of €1 billion, until February 2015. In parallel, pharmaceutical companies constitute the only healthcare provider who is 1 year behind as regards settlement of the 2014 invoices.

We should point out that due to the financial recession, the payment terms of the suppliers of foreign companies have been amended, who (suppliers) constantly push for advance payments, thus making the liquidity of companies even more difficult.

In addition, it is worth pointing out that we have many times stressed the necessity to enact **the right to off-set the debts of EOPYY against the overdue obligations of our companies to the State**, however at this point, no development has been noticed.

Taking into account all the above, we request **the immediate settlement of the State debts to pharmaceutical companies** since, a contingent non-payment in April 2015 will not only have destructive consequences for the distribution chain as a whole, but it will also endanger the access of patients to medicinal products and Public Health in whole.

Yours sincerely,

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