

To the Governors of Hospitals

Cc.: Mr An. Likourentzos, Minister of Health
Mr P. Kalliris, General Secretary of the Ministry of Health
Mr Th. Kommatas, Supervisor of the General Directorate of Financial
Services of the Ministry of Health
Governors of Health Departments

Chalandri, February 11, 2013

Dear Governor,

We would hereby like to caution you for the crucial matter of the settlement of the overdue debts of hospitals to the pharmaceutical companies, which have presently reached the amount of Euro 1 billion. More specifically, from the daily feedback received from the members of our association, although hospitals now have the relevant sums, huge delays have been noticed in the procedure for the repayment of overdue debts. This opposes all express assurances granted.

In addition, we are informed that certain selective settlements of invoices are effected, with non-transparent criteria, which in any case create a discriminating treatment among your suppliers. More specifically, the following phenomenon is noticed: hospitals proceed with the settlement of overdue debts for 2012 for other suppliers, when as regards pharmaceutical enterprises, there are outstanding unsettled invoices dated before 2010.

Such practices can in no case be accepted neither by the Ministry nor by the pharmaceutical enterprises, given that they lead to distortions and lack of transparency. At this point, we would like to remind you that pursuant to article 7 of the P.D. 113/2010 (Gov. Gazette 194/A/22.11.2010) State Hospitals are obliged to settle their debts to suppliers, no later than 90 days from the date the relevant invoice or other voucher was issued, otherwise default interest accrues and is owed.

Dear Governor,

For all the above reasons, we kindly request that you personally undertake the said matter, in order to secure a procedure for transparent settlement.

We are looking forward for your prompt response.

Yours sincerely,

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President

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Vice President