

To the honourable
Mr Andreas Lykourantzou, Minister of Health
Mr Yiannis Stournaras, Minister of Finance

Cc.: Mr Marios Salmas, Alternate Minister of Health
Mr Christos Staikouras, Alternate Minister of Finance
Mr Ioannis Vroutsis, Minister of Labour, Social Insurance and Welfare
Mr Ioannis Karavokiris, Chairman of the Auditing Board
Mr Robertos Spyropoulos, Governor of IKA
Mr Eleftherios Papageorgopoulos, President of EOPYY
Mr Constantinos Panathanasiou, Deputy Governor of IKA

Chalandri, June 5, 2013

Dear Ministers,

We would hereby like to caution you on the fact that once more a serious but unjustified block has occurred as regards the approval by the commissionaire of the Auditing Board of the payments of IKA to pharmaceutical companies.

More specifically, it is with our great surprise that we were informed today that the competent Commissionaire of the Auditing Board prepared a deed of return to IKA with the justification that according to Law 4038/2012 and 4132/2013, pharmaceutical companies are not subjected to the said settlement (!!!) and therefore the settlement of IKA's outstanding debts towards them is not provided for under the above provisions. More specifically, the said legislative texts refer to the coverage of the debts of the Organisation "*to pharmacies and other subscribed private service providers (physicians, clinics, diagnostic centres and laboratories etc.)*". Therefore, the Deputy Chairwoman, despite your opposite reassurance, due to the fact that pharmaceutical companies are not expressly referred to in the health services providers, she denies to approve the said payments.

As you realise, this fact has resulted to the "freeze" of the whole procedure despite the orders for the hastening of the procedures, both by you and by the Prime Minister himself.

Taking into account the above, dear Ministers, we urge you to personally undertake this urgent matter so that it will be **promptly and finally settled**.

Yours sincerely,

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President

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Vice President

Fotis Mangaloussis
General Director