

To
the Honourable
Mr Yiannis Stournaras
Minister of Finance

Cc.: Mr Christos Staikouras, Alternate Minister of Finance
Mr Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Health
Mr Antonis Bezas, Deputy Minister of Health
Mr Robertos Spyropoulos, Governor of IKA
Mr Demetrios Kontos, President of EOPYY
Mr Constantinos Papathanasiou, Deputy Governor of IKA

Chalandri, July 12, 2013

Subject: No progress regarding the payments of IKA to pharmaceutical companies for debts outstanding since 2010 & 2011

Dear Mr Stournaras,

We find ourselves in the unpleasant condition of once again addressing the crucial issue of **the settlement of outstanding debts of IKA to the pharmaceutical companies**, a procedure which remains “stuck” for no particular reason.

As you are well aware, this had occurred despite the fact that the relevant sums are now available, due to the suspension that resulted from the non-approval of the relevant payment warrants from the Auditing Board with the rational that the pharmaceutical companies were not included in the healthcare providers. This fact leads to the payments’ “freeze”, until the State adopted a relevant legislative regulation. More specifically, on 28/6/2013 Law 4136/2013 (Gov. Gazette A’ 155) which expressly states that pharmaceutical companies are subject to the scope of application of the regulation and therefore the outstanding debts towards them must be settled until 31/12/2011.

Although however, **there is now no reason for the delay in the settlement procedure of the debts to pharmaceutical companies**, nevertheless, **no payments have yet been effected**.

At this point it is worth mentioning that the **invoices of pharmaceutical companies**, in contrast to what is the case with other suppliers of EOPYY, **have been cleared and show no legal or other flaws and consequently, their settlement is a quite simple procedure**.

Therefore, dear Minister, we kindly request you to personally intervene so that the **payment flow to pharmaceutical companies is promptly restored**, a procedure which is necessary for many reasons to be completed within July.

Yours sincerely,

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