



ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΣ ΦΑΡΜΑΚΕΥΤΙΚΩΝ ΕΠΙΧΕΙΡΗΣΕΩΝ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ

To
the Honourable
Mr Dimitrios Kontos
President of EOPYY

Cc.: Mr Spyridon - Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Health
Mr Antonios Bezas, Deputy Minister of Health

Chalandri, September 4, 2013

Subject: "Committees of High Cost Medicines"

Dear Mr Kontos,

We hereby readdress the crucial issue for the prompt termination of operation of the committees for high costs medicines.

As you are well aware, these committees have been informally established without any legislative framework, given that there is no relevant provision in the Unified Regulation for Health Benefits - ΕΚΠΥ (11/2012). It is further pointed out that while the examination by the committee of products imported for the purposes of reimbursing their cost makes sense, however the criteria based on which the committees operate for some of the high cost medicines continue to remain unsolved.

The result of the non-harmonisation of the requirements of the committees, the different evaluation criteria and the delays in the time needed to examine each case, is the patients' difficult access to treatment, the distortion of the results of the treatments and the worsening of the patients' health or the termination of the treatment thereof.

For all the above reasons we request:

- That **the criteria for the operation of the already operating committees** are promptly defined
- That in no case, no **new committees** are established
- That **the therapeutic protocols be promptly implemented and that the national registries be developed**, to which, the Ministry grants high priority

Therefore prompt adaptation of electronic tools (e-Registries) and therapeutic protocols to the standards of other countries for the development and implementation of any auditing mechanism, are the most indicative measure whereas they contribute to the better management of patients suffering from chronic diseases, the simplification of the approving procedures, the minimisation of the cost and in parallel, they constitute a transparent procedure at all levels, granting the ability for reliable registries to be effected.

Yours sincerely,

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President

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