

To  
The Honourable  
Mr Adonis Georgiadis  
Minister of Health

Cc.: Mr Antonis Bezas, Deputy Minister of Health  
Mr Pelopidas Kalliris, General Secretary of the Ministry of Health  
Mr Theodoros Kommatas, Head of the General Directorate of Financial Services of  
the Ministry of Health

Chalandri, October 21, 2013

**Subject: Payment of outstanding debts of hospitals to pharmaceutical  
companies**

Dear Minister,

As regards the procedure for the repayment of the hospitals' outstanding debts to pharmaceutical companies, which, as we are informed, has "frozen", we would like to caution you on the following:

- **Outstanding debts of hospitals to pharmaceutical companies for 2012**

In order for the commitment of all interest parties to be materialised, i.e. to settle all outstanding debts for 2012 within 2013 and given that the Deputies must have approved any expenditure before 15/12/2013, the date on which the Auditing Board ceases its operations for this year, it is deemed absolutely necessary on one hand that the hospitals expedite the procedures and on the other that the necessary sums to that end be gathered.

- **Outstanding debts of hospitals to pharmaceutical companies for 2013**

Further to the issue of the Ministerial Decision ΔΥ5γ/οικ.94451 (Gov. Gazette 2621/B/16.10.2013) which provides for the off-setting of the clawback with the outstanding debts of hospitals, and further to the issue of law 4174/2013 (article 69, Gov. Gazette 170/A/26.7.2013) which legalises the expenditures of hospitals for the procurement of medicinal products and further to the decision ΔΥ5α/οικ.73082 with which the subsidy of Euro 127 m. was decided to be granted to hospitals for the settlement of their outstanding debts, there is absolutely no reason for the repayment of the outstanding debts to be delayed.

Based on the above and given that the immediate settlement of the outstanding debts is necessary in order to ensure the viability of pharmaceutical companies and the smooth operation of hospitals, we kindly request that you proceed with all necessary actions to that end.

Yours sincerely,

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President

Costas Panagoulas  
Vice President