

To: The Honourable  
Mr Adonis Georgiadis  
Minister of Health

Cc.: Mr Pelopidas Kalliris, General Secretary of the Ministry of Health  
Mr Theodoros Kommatas, Supervisor of the General Directorate of Financial Services, Ministry of Health  
Mr Vassilios Papas, President of the “Papageorgiou” General Hospital of Thessalonica  
BoD of “Papageorgiou” General Hospital of Thessalonica

Chalandri, November 26, 2013

**Subject: Payment of outstanding debts of the “Papageorgiou” General Hospital of Thessalonica to the pharmaceutical companies**

Dear Minister,

We would hereby like to caution your attention to the major issue of the payment of the outstanding debts of the “Papageorgiou” General Hospital of Thessalonica to the pharmaceutical companies. During the last period of time, the concerning messages we receive from our companies-members constantly increase, who inform us that a huge financial problem has emerged, given that the procedure for the settlement of the outstanding debts of the said Hospital to the pharmaceutical companies shows substantial delays in relation to other hospitals, particularly due to insufficient state subsidy.

Suggestively, we refer that the total debts of the “Papageorgiou” General Hospital of Thessalonica amounts on 30.09.2013 to €31 million for the years 2012 - 2013 from which €15 m. concern 2012 and €16 m. 2013. In addition, while all Hospitals of the NHS have settled 75% of the invoices for 2012, the “Papageorgiou” General Hospital of Thessalonica has settled only 35%. This situation is even more dreary for this year, where the NHS Hospitals have proceeded with the settlement of their invoices at a percentage of 35% in contrast to “Papageorgiou”, which has settled only 5% of the outstanding invoices (!). In this context, we request:

- That the state subsidy to “Papageorgiou” Hospital is ensured
- That there will be written reassurance that the hospital will commence within the following days the repayment of the outstanding debts that correspond to the years 2012 and 2013.

Dear Minister,

In order for pharmaceutical companies to be able to continue supplying the “Papageorgiou” Hospital with medicinal products, this ensuring the patients’ access to their valuable treatments, but also the smooth operation of the Hospital, we kindly request that you personally attend the said issue, so as to immediately resolve the problem that has emerged.

Yours sincerely

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Director General