

To  
The Honourable  
Mr Adonis Georgiadis  
Minister of Health

Cc.: Mr Demetrios Kontos, President of EOPYY  
Mrs Panayota Litsa, Head of the Directorate of Medicinal Products  
Governors of Hospitals

**Re: Supply of Medicinal Products set out in Law 3816 with the marking “only for hospital use” (1a)**

Chalandri, January 30, 2014

Dear Minister,

Further to the issue of the Ministerial Decision No 3457 (Gov. Gazette 64/B/16.1.2014), whose article 11 par. 1 defines the manner the medicinal products set out in Law 3816 1a will be offered, which are intended for hospital use and the relevant circular of EOPYY dated 22/1/2014, with which the above Ministerial Decision is implemented, we would like to bring to your attention the most serious problem that has occurred with the inability of patients to access the said medicinal products.

More specifically, the above Ministerial Decision provides that from now on, the said medicinal products will be exclusively offered via the hospitals, with the exception of some emergency and rare cases. This of course, presupposes that the necessary resources have been secured in the hospitals' budget for the coverage of these products.

**Nevertheless, in practice, hospitals do not offer these products to the patients but refer them to EOPYY, who in turn and in performance of the above circular refuses to offer the said medicinal products!**

**The inability of hospitals to offer the said medicinal products is unbrokenly associated with the deficient budget thereof for the purchase of medicinal products. It is therefore rendered clear that the hospitals' budget for these medicinal products must be increased at least to Euro 685-700 mio for 2014, in order for patients to gain access to the necessary treatments. This is directly implementable with the internal relocation of the total budget of hospitals, which now amounts to Euro 1.6 bn.**

Taking into account the unbelievable discomfort of patients and the fact that these products concern serious diseases and therefore public health faces imminent risks, we kindly request that the necessary resources are secured and that you promptly instruct EOPYY to offer to patients the said medicinal products, until the offer thereof by hospitals is performed on a regular basis.

Yours sincerely,

Konstantinos M. Frouzis  
President

Paschalis Apostolidis  
Vice President