

To
The honourable
Mr Makis Voridis
Minister of Health

Cc.: Mr Demetrios Avramopoulos, Minister of national Defense
Mr Pelopidas Kalliris, General Secretary of Public Health
Mr Theodoros Kommatas, Head of the Directorate of Financial Services

Re: Settlement of outstanding debts of State Hospitals to pharmaceutical companies

Chalandri, June 27, 2014

Dear Minister,

We would hereby like to bring to your attention the crucial matter of the outstanding debts of State hospitals to pharmaceutical companies, which have accumulated in a rather concerning rate and drive pharmaceutical companies to a financial dead-end, due to the lack of liquidity.

More specifically, the outstanding debts of the **NHS Hospitals** to the pharmaceutical companies-members of SFEE amounted on 30/4/2014 to Euro 430 m. while the debt of **Army Hospitals** amounted to Euro 22 m. and part of this debt dates back to 2012! (The relevant analytical report of SFEE with the outstanding debts of Hospitals until 30/4/2014 is attached).

At this point, it is worth mentioning that the last legislative provision that was issued for the settlement of the outstanding debts of the State to the pharmaceutical companies was Law 4328/2014 (Gov. Gazette 38/A/17.2.2014), whose article 36 par. 1 settled the outstanding debts that had accumulated until 17/2/2014. This practically means that any procurement to hospitals from 17/2 and forth are "floating" and no payments are effected despite the existence of cash available in many hospitals!

Taking into account all the above, **a legislative provision must be promptly issued, which will render legal the procurements effected and will settle the outstanding debts of hospitals (NHS and Army Hospitals) to the pharmaceutical companies).**

We kindly request your prompt actions.

Yours sincerely,

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