

To
the Honorable
Mr. Andreas Loverdos
Minister of Health & Social Solidarity

Cc: Mr. E. Venizelos, Minister of Finance
Mr. F. Sahinidis, Deputy Minister of Finance
Mr. M. Timosidis, Deputy Minister of Health & Social Solidarity
Mr. H. Plaskovitis, Secretary General of the Ministry of Finance
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Mr. A. Demopoulos, Secretary General of Public Health

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Honorable Minister,

SFEE must once again address the grave problem of the accumulated outstanding debts of public hospitals. **Despite the promises that in 2011 payments would be regular and that invoices would be paid timely, in fact debts continue to accumulate.**

As shown in the detailed report we attach herewith, the total amount of sales of medicinal products to public hospitals until 30/06/2011 amounts to €1.411 billion, of which only 572 million have been paid. In other words, the percentage of unpaid invoices reaches 60% and the debts of NHS hospitals to pharmaceutical companies reach 839.5 million.

In particular, for the invoices of 2011, public hospitals purchased medicines worth about 400 million of which only 60 million have been paid. This means that 85% of the purchases have remained unpaid!

In other words, while we are in the seventh month of the year, in practice most of the hospitals have not yet settled all the invoices of January!

As far as the invoices of 2010 are concerned, until today around 48.6% of the total sales have been paid. That is, only the sales of the first semester have been paid, while the settlement of invoices issued in the second semester is still pending.

Further analysis of the data shows that there are some hospitals where the problem of accumulated debt is explosive. We mention for example the University Hospital of Larissa which has paid only 18.7% of the sales, while the University Hospital of Ioannina 56.2%.

Honorable Minister,

SFEE asks you once again to take measures in order to tackle the problem effectively. Otherwise, we draw your attention that it is only a matter of time before shortages of medicines occur in those hospitals which keep on not settling their debts timely.

Sincerely,

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Director General

Vassilios Niadas
Vice President

Dionysios Filiotis
President

Attachments:

1. SFEE detailed report on debts of public hospitals to its member-companies - Sales, receivables and debts from 01/01/2010 to 31/06/2011