

To
the Honorable
Mr. Athanassios Kotsopoulos
Secretary General of Health
Ministry of Health & Social Solidarity

Cc.: Mr. Christos Kittas, Minister of Health & Social Solidarity

Halandri, May 31, 2012

Dear Mr. Kotsopoulos,

As you already know very well, the pharmaceutical market during the last period faces huge problems because -among other reasons- the payments of the debts of public hospitals to pharmaceutical companies have frozen and the associate judges of the Court of Auditors refuse to approve the payment orders of the supply of medicines by hospitals.

In order to solve the above problems, SFEE has made consecutive efforts in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, through continuous meetings and deliberations with both the Minister and the Secretaries General of the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity, and with the President of the Court of Auditors.

Within this context, and in view of the risk of the complete market disruption, **the State committed itself to allocate immediately €250 million** for the settlement of the debts of the NHS hospitals to pharmaceutical companies and **to make every possible effort to resolve the issue of approval of invoices by the associate judges within the coming days.**

For the above reasons, and in order to implement the above mentioned commitments, **we urge you to send immediately a circular to the NHS hospitals, so as to ensure that the allocation of 250 million will take place in a way entirely proportionate and fair to all pharmaceutical companies.**

Yours faithfully,

Fotis Mangalousis
General Director

Konstantinos M. Frouzis
President