

To
the honourable
Mr M. Voridis,
Minister of Health

Cc: Mr L. Gregorakos, Alternate Minister of Health
Mr Demetrios Kontos, President of EOPYY
Mr Demetrios Lintzeris, President of EOF
Ms P. Litsa, Director of the Directorate of Medicinal Products of EOPYY

Re: **Operation of EOPYY's Pharmacies**

Chalandri, July 15, 2014

Dear Minister,

With the pretext of the recent publications regarding the suspension of operation of the pharmacies of EOPYY, we would like to point out the particular importance that **lies with the preservation of the Network of Pharmacies** of EOPYY for patients, since:

- a. Unfortunately, hospitals are unable to dispense medicinal products that concern severe and rare diseases due to shortages, as you are well aware, a need covered by the network of Pharmacies of EOPYY.
- b. They ensure the coverage of the patients' needs and adequacy throughout the Greek State.
- c. There will be companies which, with regard to the area and the high Cost Medicinal Product, will hesitate to distribute it to a private pharmacy for reasons already discussed. Consequently, once the pharmacies of EOPYY cease to operate, patients will be deprived of their access to medicinal products.

The operation of the network of pharmacies of EOPYY is an additional protective net, as well as a substantial precondition for the patients' access to their treatments but also for the viability of the National Health System.

Yours sincerely,

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President

Paschalis Apostolidis
Vice President