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SCHEDULING AND COURSE OF PAYMENTS TO HOSPITALS & PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

The Organization, in co-operation with the Ministry of Health **gradually implements a rationalization schedule for its payments to the healthcare providers.** Currently, in parallel with the clearance procedure of private HCPs, the payment schedule to Pharmaceutical Companies and Hospitals is implemented.

More specifically:

- **As regards the Pharmaceutical Companies:**

Via the schedule for the settlement of overdue debts of the agencies of the General Administration to third parties, the amount of **Euro 270 million** has already been approved and the relevant payment warrants have been issued, from which the amount of **Euro 85 million** has already been disbursed to the Pharmaceutical Companies. Until the end of August, the total above amount will have been fully absorbed, thus reducing by the respective amount the debts of the Organization.

The overdue debts of EOPYY include both debts that were created from the date it started its operations as well as debts that it "inherited" as the universal successor of the agencies that were included therein.

- **As regards the State Hospitals:**

The payment of the amount of **Euro 150 million to the State Hospitals was approved.** For the first Euro 75 million, the issue of the relevant warrants was completed and the

procedure for the remaining amount will immediately (Thursday August 11) follow. The actions for the disbursement of the total amount will be completed in the current month.

- **As regards the Special Regime Hospitals:**

The Organization will proceed with the payment of the total amount of **Euro 1,5 million** to the hospitals "ARETEIO" and "AIGINITIO". For the "PAPAGEORGIU" hospital the payment of **Euro 15 million** has been scheduled.

The President of the Organization Mr Sotiris Bersimis relevantly stated: "Our main priority is the quicker settlement of the debts of the Organization, which entails at the same time **the reinforcement of actual economy**. We share a **common liability with** our providers in the huge effort we put for the fullest healthcare of citizens in the context of the activities of the Organization".