

To
the Honorable
Mr. Antonis Dimopoulos
Secretary General for Public Health
Ministry of Health & Social Solidarity

Cc.: Mrs. Z. Dede, President of the Pricing Committee
Mr. N. Karapanos, Director of the Directorate for Medicines & Pharmacies
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Dear Mr. Dimopoulos,

Herewith we would like to point out two very important issues which require urgent resolution.

1. Regarding the recently issued Ministerial Decision No. DYG3(a)/G.P.oik45414, entitled "Amendment of the Ministerial Decision No. DYG3(a)/oik33013/29-3-2012 (GG 983 / B / 03/30/12)" (OJ 1567/B/08.05.2012), we draw your attention to the fact that in paragraph 2 of this decision, it is mentioned that pharmaceutical companies can grant the foreseen additional discounts on the wholesale price to pharmacies of private hospitals with over 60 beds. Apparently by mistake there is a reference to the wholesale price instead of the hospital rate, since pharmaceutical companies according to Article 1 § 4 of the Ministerial Decision DYG3 (a) / oik33013 sell the medicinal products to pharmacies of private clinics with over 60 beds in hospital price.

Therefore, the Ministerial Decision No. DYG3(a)/G.P.oik45414 should be immediately amended, so that it is clearly mentioned that the foreseen discounts to private clinics with over 60 beds are granted on the hospital price.

2. Given that pharmaceutical companies sell the medicinal products for serious diseases of Law 3816/2010 both to public hospitals and EOPYY in hospital price, these medicinal products should be exempted from the obligation to pay the 9% rebate of Article 22 of Law 4052/2012 and instead they should be subject to 5% rebate, as provided by Article 35 § 2 of Law 3918/2011, regarding medicinal products sold in hospital price.



Mr. Secretary General,

Since these two issues create problems in the distribution of medicinal products and the proper functioning of the market, we therefore request that the Ministry takes immediately all the necessary actions for their settlement.

Faithfully yours,

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