

To
the Honorable
Mr. Gerasimos Voudouris
Governor of EOPYY

Cc: Mr. Andreas Lykourantzou, Minister of Health
Mr. Yannis Stournaras, Minister of Finance
Mr. Marios Salmas, Deputy Minister of Health

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Dear Mr. Voudouris,

We come back to the crucial issue of the outstanding debts of EOPYY towards pharmaceutical companies. Despite the repeated reassurances, both from EOPYY and the Ministry of Health, that there will be an immediate settlement of this issue, EOPYY hasn't paid yet any of the accumulated debts towards pharmaceutical companies, unlike what happens with all the other suppliers.

SFEE expresses its deep disappointment about the non transparent method of distribution of payments and of course about the fact that from EOPYY's side there seems to be no immediate intention to resolve the issue.

This fact constitutes an unfair discrimination against our companies, since in this way you, i.e. the State, drive the pharmaceutical companies to economic collapse, endangering on one hand patients' access to medicines and treatments and on the other hand employment in our sector.

Furthermore, it is noted that according to information we received from our member companies, EOPYY hasn't settled yet any of the invoices from January 2012 until today!

Therefore, we urge you once again to proceed immediately to the payment of at least €200 million -given that the debts of the State towards pharmaceutical companies until the end of July amount to approximately €1,65 billion- in order to have, as we all want, rule of law with equal treatment for all stakeholders.

Faithfully yours,

Konstantinos Frouzidis
President

Yannis Chryssospathis
Legal Counsel