

To  
the Honorable  
Mr. Andreas Lykourantzou  
Minister of Health

**URGENT**

Cc: Mr. Marios Salmas, Alternate Minister of Health  
Mr. P. Kalliris, Secretary General of the Ministry of Health  
Mrs. Ch. Papanikolaou, Secretary General for Public Health

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**Subject: Supply of medicines from public hospitals**

Dear Mr. Lykourantzou,

Herewith we would like to draw your attention on the following issue which may directly endanger patients' access to medicines within the following days.

More specifically, as you know, the pharmacies of public hospital have severe shortages of medicines - even of indispensable medicines for hospital use only- and they systematically mark on the prescriptions the note "deprived" and send patients to private pharmacies.

Because of this fact not only a distortion is caused to the functioning of the market but also the outpatient pharmaceutical expenditure is increased and patients will soon not be able to find the medicines they need neither in private pharmacies. This is something we all want to avoid.

Therefore, we would like to ask your Ministry to immediately issue a circular to the Governors and pharmacies of public hospitals inviting them to immediately restore the smooth operation of pharmacies, so that patients are able to have access to the medicines they need.

Sincerely,

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Director General

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President