

To the honorable
MR. Marios Salmas
Deputy Minister of Health

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Dear Mr. Salmas,

Further to the most constructive meeting we had in the previous week and based on our requests, I'm sending you the **first priority issues**, which must be put on by your Ministry.

- A new Ministerial Decision must be promptly issued, **which must provide its application from 1/1/2013**, with the restated criteria of the list of prescribed medicines, so that based on them, the new prices of insurance agencies will be anew calculated to more rational levels. To that end, the recent Ministerial Decision No 110708 (Gov. Gazette 3047/B/16.11.2012) provides that the validity thereof commences five days after the issue of the Corrective Price Bulletin and in any case, within fifteen (15) days after the publication of the said Decision, i.e. not later than December 1, 2012, the **Corrective Price Bulletin** must be promptly issued, so that based on the said prices, the calculation of the new prices of insurance agencies from 1/1/2013 will be possible. **Therefore, the positive list must in no case enter into force before the issue of the Corrective Price Bulletin and the issue of the new Ministerial Decision with the list criteria being restated therein.**
- Pursuant to article 11 of the Legislative Act (Gov. Gazette 229/B/19.11.2012) pharmaceutical companies must have paid or set off the **claw back** for 2012 until 10.12.2012. To that end, it is absolutely necessary that **EOPYY promptly sends the new notes for the first six months of 2012** to the companies, in order for them to be able to perform their obligations.
- Given that the adoption of any quantitative limitation for the determination of exceptions from the application of the prescribing system based on the active substance is practically inapplicable, **these exception must be exclusively determined on the basis of clearly scientific criteria.**
- It is of high significance to **have an announcement promptly posted (before 6/12/2012)** at the website of the Ministry of Health, according to which the competent authorities of other countries will be requested **not to take into account the prices of medicines in Greece**, given the crucial financial status prevailing therein (the relevant template is attached).

Dear Minister,

We kindly request that you closely monitor the implementation of the above issues, given the increased time pressure. It is understood that we remain by your side in order to support your efforts.

Yours sincerely,

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