



To the Honourable
Mr M. Salmas
Alternate Minister of Health

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Chalandri, May 10, 2013

Subject: Orphan Medicines

Dear Mr Salmas,

By means of this letter, we once again readdress the issue of the pricing of orphan medicines.

More specifically, pending the effective date of the Medicines Prices Bulletin, i.e. next **Wednesday May 15, 2013**, we request the prompt correction of the price of the Orphan Drugs and the imposition of 50% of the calculated reduction that results, against the April 2012 Prices Bulletin, in accordance with the unanimous recommendation of the Medicines Prices Committee of the Ministry of Health during its session dated February 12, 2013 and according to the discussions held in our meeting.

It is worth noting again that the existing sale prices of the specific products are lower not only from the average of the three lower prices, but also from the lowest price in Europe.

At this point we would like to remind you SFEE's fixed position for the equation of the resulting ex-factory price with the hospital price, which is the only sale price applicable in Greece.

Given that the effect of Orphan Medicines to the pharmaceutical expenditure is low, since it does not exceed €100 mil., we would like to point out the necessary inclusion and prompt marketing of the new Orphan Medicines in the Greek market, which is pending for 28 months now, in order to cover the severe therapeutic gaps and to ensure the unobstructed and continuous access of Greek patients to unique and valuable treatments for their lives.

Looking at the establishment of a framework of national action that aims at shaping and applying strategies that allow the provision of high level services to Greek patients with rare and severe diseases, we kindly request that you immediately proceed with all necessary actions.

Yours sincerely,

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