

To the honorable
Mr. Adonis Georgiadis
Minister of Health

Subject: Imposition of an additional rebate of 3% on the hospital price

Chalandri, January 10, 2014

Dear Minister,

We would like to readdress the critical issue of the imposition of the additional 3% as the mandatory rebate on the hospital price on all medicinal products of the list of serious diseases medicines set out in law 3816 which EOPYY and the hospitals are supplied, as provided for by the Ministerial Decision No113429 (Gov. Gazette 3117/B/9.12.2013).

During the repeat meetings we recently held for the above issue, it was mutually accepted that this imposition of the additional rebate of 3% is unbearable for pharmaceutical companies and this is why you expressly committed that the 3% would be reduced to half, i.e. 1.5%, promptly and in any case before the said provision enters into force, which would be January 1, 2014.

Given that the above provision has already entered into force, according to the relevant Ministerial Decision, as well as in accordance with the recent circular of EOPYY No Γ99/2, 9.1.2014, we would like to draw your attention on the serious problems that will emerge in relation to the procurement of these medicinal products to EOPYY and hospitals.

We kindly request that you promptly proceed with all necessary actions, in order to issue an amending Ministerial Decision, which will reduce the additional rebate from 3% to 1.5% and will retrospectively apply from 1/1/2014.

Yours sincerely,

Constantinos M. Frouzis
President