

WEEKLY REPORT



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POLITICS

CONGRESS VOWS TO VOTE TAX OVERHAUL THIS YEAR

The Brazilian Congress intends to conclude this year the consideration of the tax overhaul bill either to pass or reject it, Chamber of Deputies Speaker Arthur Lira (Progressive Party, PP, of Alagoas) and Senate President Rodrigo Pacheco (Democrats, DEM, of Minas Gerais) told Valor. The two leaders – who will run the Congress until the end of 2022 – also said they will not allow the spending cap to be overridden, a commitment made since February, when they were elected. Messrs. Lira and Pacheco said the tax overhaul is the topic on the legislative agenda that causes the most divergences, whether between the two houses of Congress, between the parliament and the federal government, between the various sectors of the economy and also between the federal administration and local governments. The private sector has frequently criticized that, especially the proposal that involves changes in Income Tax and taxation of dividends, for fear of increasing the tax burden. Those items were proposed by the government to fund a cash-transfer program ahead of the 2022 elections. [Read more.](#)

STATES GEAR UP FOR CHALLENGING ECONOMIC EXPANSION IN 2022

The economic downturn caused by the coronavirus pandemic hit states in different ways in 2020, and recovery this year was also felt differently in each one. Now, projections show GDP growth should be less heterogeneous among the Brazilian regions next year, especially because economic expansion will be more challenging for all of them. The emergency aid paid to informal workers was an important exit door for the economy last year, especially the poorest ones, located in the North and Northeast regions, while in 2021 the recovery of the services industry stands out, favoring states with greater weight in the sector, such as São Paulo, said Sergio Vale, chief economist at MB Associados. "For 2022, however, the recovery of services should have a smaller impact because inflation is starting to spread." [Read more.](#)

BRAZILIAN INFLATION ONLY BEHIND ARGENTINA, TURKEY AMONG G20 COUNTRIES

Among the major developed and emerging economies that form the G20, inflation in Brazil is only lower than Argentina and Turkey, according to a survey by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Global inflation may close the year at 3.8%, up from 2.5%, UBS projects. So, most countries face rising inflation, higher interest rates making debt more expensive, bottlenecked supply chains, and the pandemic still making it difficult for people to move around. The effects on consumer spending are mixed. There are consumers who want to buy, but cannot find the product, and there are those who give up because prices have risen too much, as happened in August in Brazil with TVs and notebooks. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S IPCA-15 INFLATION TOPS PROJECTIONS, HITS 10% IN 12 MONTHS; INTEREST RATE FUTURES RISE

Brazil's Broad National Consumer Price Index (IPCA-15) has reached double-digit 12-month highs for the first time since the beginning of 2016 after Brazil's official inflation forecast for September was higher than expected and at the highest level for the month in 27 years. Amid intense monetary tightening amid concerns about inflation, the IPCA-15 rose 1.14% in

September, after a high of 0.89% in August. As a reaction in the market, the DIIs, interest rate futures contracts, rose in all scenarios starting in January 2022. [Read more.](#)

CENTRAL BANK SUGGESTS TIGHTENING PACE IS HERE TO STAY

The Central Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (Copom) concluded, at a meeting last week, which increases of 100 basis points in the Brazil's benchmark interest rate Selic to a "significantly restrictive level" are the best strategy to meet inflation targets, according to the minutes of that meeting, released on Tuesday. [Read more.](#)

PETROBRAS EYES BRAZIL PRICE HIKES DESPITE POLITICAL PRESSURE

Brazil's state-run oil company, Petrobras (PETR4.SA), is considering raising fuel prices as the prices of petroleum derivatives are out of line with the global market, Logistics and Sales Director Sales Claudio Mastella said on Monday. Two people close to the company told Reuters that Petrobras Chief Executive Joaquim Silva e Luna was in Brasilia on Sunday to discuss with government officials how to cushion the blow of rising prices, including possible government subsidies. [Read more.](#)

BOLSONARO SUGGESTS GOVERNMENT PROCEEDS FROM PETROBRAS COULD EASE FUEL PRICES

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro said on Thursday that profits from state-run oil firm Petrobras (PETR4.SA) could be used to alleviate rising fuel prices in the country, among possibilities for confronting higher prices. Fuel prices have become a hot-button issue in Brazil as inflation soars. Recent CEOs of Petrobras have been forced out over price hikes. Petrobras shareholders remain wary of price controls, leading the government to seek other schemes to curb the cost to consumers. [Read more.](#)

SELF-EMPLOYED, DOMESTIC WORKERS DRIVE UNDEREMPLOYMENT IN BRAZIL

The higher number of underemployed workers in the pandemic, which reached a record level of 7.5 million in the second quarter of 2021, was driven mainly by those who are self-employed and informal domestic workers. The two groups accounted for 70% of the growth of 1.93 million people in this condition between April and June this year compared to the same period in 2020. They are also the majority (73%) of the growth of 511,000 workers in this condition between the first and second quarter of 2021. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL HAS 14.1 MILLION PEOPLE LOOKING FOR JOB

Brazil's unemployment rate dropped one percentage point in the quarter ended in July, going to 13.7 percent in the comparison with the three-month period ended in April. Despite the decline, the country has 14.1 million people in search of a job. The data were made public in Rio de Janeiro today (Sep. 3) by the government's statistics institute IBGE. A 3.6 percent expansion was reported in the number of employed individuals—an increase of 3.1 million workers—adding up to a total of 89 million people. [Read more.](#)

TRADE CONFIDENCE IN BRAZIL FALLS TO LOWEST LEVEL SINCE MAY – FGV

The Trade Confidence Index (Icom), from the Brazilian Institute of Economy of the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV Ibre), dropped 6.8 points in September, to 94.1 points, the lowest level since May of this year (93.7 points). In quarterly moving averages, the indicator fell (0.6 points) after four consecutive highs. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL MUST IMPORT RECORD VOLUME OF LNG TO DEAL WITH ENERGY CRISIS

Brazil's imports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) are expected to hit a record high in September, data from Refinitiv and consultancy Kpler showed, at a time when U.S. cargoes usually destined for Europe are being diverted to help the Latin American country deal with energy shortages. Brazil must import a record volume of LNG to deal with the energy crisis. [Read more.](#)

DROUGHT IN BRAZIL: STATES START WATER ROTATION, RATIONING AND DEMAND FINES FOR WASTAGE

Brazil's rural and urban areas already suffer from dry taps due to the water crisis, leaving the country at risk of an electricity blackout. The prolonged drought already impacts the daily lives of families across Brazil, who change their habits and even their means of production and income. The most affected region is the Paraná Basin, which supplies Minas Gerais, Goiás, Mato Grosso do Sul, São Paulo, Paraná, Santa Catarina and the Federal District. [Read more.](#)

BUSINESS LEADERS URGE BRAZIL TO TAKE LEAD ON CLIMATE OR BE LEFT BEHIND

Executives of more than 100 major companies urged Brazil to take a leading position in U.N. climate talks in November, at a time when Amazon rainforest destruction under President Jair Bolsonaro has made the country an environmental pariah. The corporate leaders, generally chief executives of Brazilian companies or the Brazilian units of multinational companies, in a joint statement warned that Brazil could be "excluded from a new economic-climate order that is unfolding before our eyes". [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL MAKES PITCH AS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE LEADER AT WTO

Representatives of the federal government and the private sector said on Wednesday, in an online event at the World Trade Organization (WTO), that Brazil wants to lead sustainable trade and agricultural production. The push is a reaction to the international perception that the country is the bad guy in the environmental field amid signals sent by the Bolsonaro administration. The Brazilian Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (Apex-Brasil) and the Brazilian mission to the WTO organized a seminar on the country's agricultural production at the entity's Public Forum, which takes place this week with the participation of NGOs, universities, and government representatives. [Read more.](#)

DUBAI: BRAZIL TO UNVEIL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE USE OF AMAZON

Brazil's vice-President Hamilton Mourão in Dubai today (Oct. 1) said that Brazil needs to seize the chance provided by Expo 2020 to highlight to foreigners the business opportunities that the sustainable use of Brazil's natural heritage may provide. The statement was made during the official inauguration ceremony of the country's pavilion at the world expo that started today in the United Arab Emirates. "Investment attraction and the generation of employment and income in the Amazon are key to the conservation of the forest," said Mourão, pointing out that, for the coming six months, the pavilion will serve to highlight Brazil's potential to the world. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL GREENLIGHTS POWER LINE THROUGH INDIGENOUS RESERVE IN THE AMAZON

A 715-km (440-mile) power line in Brazil's Amazon region has received an environmental permit so that construction can move ahead, companies behind the project said on Wednesday, despite indigenous concerns over the damages it may cause. Speaking at an event, right-wing President Jair Bolsonaro said that it was a big day for the state of Roraima, which the power line will link to the rest of the Brazilian electric grid. Bolsonaro said construction would take about three years. [Read more.](#)

ECONOMY MINISTER: BRAZIL TO INSIST ON CHANGES IN MERCOSUR

Brazil's Economy Minister Paulo Guedes said Brazil will continue to attempt to make changes in Mercosur. The Brazilian government, he declared, has sought to "modernize" the economic bloc, but has met resistance from Argentina. Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay form the bloc. "Our position is a step forward. We are not going to leave Mercosur. But we will not accept Mercosur as an ideological tool. Mercosur has a crystal-clear proposal: to be a platform for the integration of the global economy. If it fails to deliver, we will modernize it. Like it or leave it," he said, while participating Monday (17) in the event Brazil Wants More, promoted by the International Chamber of Commerce. [Read more.](#)

FOURTH MEMBER OF BRAZIL'S DELEGATION TO U.N. TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Pedro Guimaraes, a member of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro's delegation to the United Nations, has tested positive for COVID-19, the CEO of state bank Caixa Economica Federal said on his one of his social media accounts on Sunday. Guimaraes, who said he was fully vaccinated, is the fourth member of the delegation that was with Bolsonaro in New York for his address to the United Nations to test positive. Health minister Marcelo Queiroga, Bolsonaro's son Eduardo and one diplomat also tested positive for COVID-19. Queiroga, diagnosed during the visit, is still in isolation in a New York hotel. [Read more.](#)

NEW YORK MAYOR ASKS BOLSONARO'S WIFE TO "SEND HER HUSBAND TO GET VACCINATED TOO"

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio has asked Michelle Bolsonaro, the wife of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, to "send her husband to get vaccinated" against Covid-19, after it became public that she took advantage of his trip to the city on the occasion of the United Nations General Assembly to get immunized against the disease. "Send your husband to get vaccinated too so he can stop being a danger to others," de Blasio said through his account on the social network Twitter. [Read more.](#)

QUEIROGA TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 AGAIN

The Minister of Health, Marcelo Queiroga, said that he tested positive for Covid-19 again and will continue working at a distance. The information was released on social networks this Friday (1). In social isolation in a hotel in New York, in the United States, Queiroga intended to return to Brazil this Friday if the new PCR test was negative. He took the test on Thursday (30). [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL RANKS SEVEN IN DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Brazil ranked seven on the World Bank list assessing the current state of digital transformation in the public service across 198 economies. The result was released by the federal government today (Sep. 30). According to the bank's GovTech Maturity Index 2020, the country stood ahead of all other nations in the American continent, including the US and Canada. Ahead of Brazil are South Korea, Estonia, France, Denmark, Austria, and the UK. Furthermore, Brazil is the only country among the ten first nations with a population of over 100 million people. [Read more.](#)

CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT SAYS CRYPTOCURRENCIES WILL BE REGULATED FIRST AS AN INVESTMENT IN BRAZIL

The president of the Central Bank, Roberto Campos Neto, said the institution is working on projects to regulate cryptocurrencies but that they will be regulated first as an investment and then as a means of payment. In a presentation of the quarterly report on inflation on Thursday, 30, Campos Neto said that there is greater demand for cryptocurrencies as an investment than as a means of payments. [Read more.](#)

HEALTH

NATIONAL CONGRESS POSTPONES DELIBERATION OF VETOES SCHEDULED FOR LAST THURSDAY

The president of the National Congress, Rodrigo Pacheco (DEM-MG), canceled the deliberative session that was scheduled for this Thursday (30), aimed at analyzing vetoes. New session may be called next week. It would be analyzed the veto 48/2021, for the Bill 12/2021, which deals with the compulsory licensing of patents or patent applications in cases of national emergency declaration, international or public interest, or state recognition of public calamity nationwide. Another veto to be analyzed is the 41/2021, for the Bill 6330/2019, which aims to change the Health Plans Law to expand access to home antineoplastic treatments for oral use by users of health insurance plans. [Read more.](#)

IN A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE SENATE, PARTICIPANTS DEFEND THE MAINTENANCE OF VETOES TO THE COMPULSORY LICENSE BILL

In the second public hearing of the Senate of the Future Commission dedicated to patent policy, this Friday (1st), industry experts defended the maintenance of the presidential veto on the breach of vaccine patents (Law 14,200, of 2021), citing safety issues legal. The first debate had been held on Friday (24) last week. Both initiatives were taken by Senator Izalci Lucas (PSDB-DF), who chairs the Commission. Elizabeth Carvalhaes, Executive President of the Research Pharmaceutical Industry Association (Interfarma), highlighted that Brazil, as part of TRIPS, being a signatory to the WTO and Latin American agreements, being connected to global rules and international markets, should promote much more security for the investor. She pointed out that, however, the Brazilian market does not guarantee legal certainty on different fronts, as occurred in the case of the pandemic and changes in legislation such as the repeal of the sole paragraph of Article 40 and changes in the compulsory license. The president of the Senate of the Future Commission, Izalci Lucas (PSDB-DF), recalled that there is no "magic" in the production of vaccines and commented that the overturning of the patent does not always mean more agility in offering a product. "Even breaking the patent, it is impossible to produce. Because it is not just the patent, it is a complete process: we will not have, as many think, the ease of producing the vaccine," she stated. [Read more.](#)

AT A MEETING OF THE ANS, DIRECTORS APPRECIATE RESOLUTION ON UPDATING THE LIST OF PROCEDURES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONAL MEASURE FOR HEALTH PLANS

The National Supplementary Health Agency (ANS) held, this Tuesday (28), the 558th Meeting of the Collegiate Board (DICOL). At the time, the proposal for a Normative Resolution was assessed, dealing with the procedural rite of updating the List of Procedures and Events in Health, at the National Supplementary Health Agency, in compliance with Provisional Measure 1067/2021, which suspends the effectiveness of the Resolution Normative 470/2021. [Read more.](#)

INCREMENTAL INNOVATION: ECONOMY MUST DEFEND POSITION ALIGNED WITH PHARMA INDUSTRY

In the public consultation phase, the draft agreed within the scope of the Medicines Market Regulation Chamber (CMED) to change rules for defining new products must undergo changes favorable to the industry. The JOTA talked to two sources who are following the process, which is being processed at the Bureau of Competition Law and Competitiveness of the Ministry of Economy, and both said that the initial position of the folder, which wanted a more radical change, in line with the pharmaceutical industry must defended again after the public consultation. The proposal, however, would be "softer", seeking to equate the sector's claims, with the proposal built in CMED. [Read more.](#)

STF DECIDES THAT SUS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD HANDLE REIMBURSEMENT FOLLOWING THE SAME CRITERIA

The ministers of the Federal Supreme Court (STF) decided on Thursday (30), unanimously, that the compensation rules between the Unified Health System (SUS) and the private sector must follow the same criteria when treating exceptional cases of patients that do not attend conventionally, reported the newspaper O Estado de S. Paulo. Based on this understanding, a private hospital that attends a SUS patient must be reimbursed according to the same amounts that the public service would receive if it were a person enrolled in a health plan. The issue reached the Supreme in the wake of the dispute between the Unimed insurance company and the Federal District government (GDF). The case arose from a court order for a SUS patient to be treated in a private hospital managed by Unimed, due to the lack of beds in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in public hospitals in the region. At the end of the treatment, the private network forwarded the bill to the GDF, which refused to pay because the amounts set did not follow the table of the National Agency for Supplementary Health (ANS), but rather the prices

stipulated by the private sector. Minister Luís Roberto Barroso, rapporteur of the case, guided the unanimous understanding in action. Instead of meeting the parties' proposals, the magistrate pacified the issue by establishing the same compensation criteria for the private sector and the public service. [Read more.](#)

ANVISA AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF DRUGS USED IN CANCER TREATMENT

The National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) authorized this Wednesday, 29, the temporary and exceptional importation of radiopharmaceuticals, products used in examinations and in the treatment of cancer and other diseases, reported the newspaper O Estado de S.Paulo. The objective is to reduce the risk of shortage of these products in Brazil. In the country, radiopharmaceuticals are produced only by the Institute for Energy and Nuclear Research (Ipen), which is subordinate to the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation and, due to lack of money to buy imported inputs, on the 20th of this month it stopped manufacturing this type of product, affecting up to 2 million people who undergo health treatments. Production is expected to resume on Friday, 1st, but for now there is only guaranteed money to maintain production for two weeks. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL HOSPITAL CHAIN HID COVID-19 DEATHS, WHISTLEBLOWERS' LAWYER TELLS SENATE

A Brazilian hospital chain tested unproven drugs on elderly COVID-19 patients without their knowledge as part of an effort to validate President Jair Bolsonaro's preferred 'miracle cure,' a lawyer for whistleblowing doctors told senators on Tuesday. At least nine people died of COVID-19 during the trials at the Prevent Senior hospital chain from March to April 2020, but their charts were altered to hide the cause of death, lawyer Bruna Morato told a Senate inquiry. Prevent Senior rejected the accusations as unfounded and said it had "rigorously reported" all deaths. It added in a statement that 7% of the 56,000 COVID-19 patients it treated had died, a better record than other public and private hospitals. [Read more.](#)

PREVENT SENIOR WILL UNDERGO A NEW INSPECTION BY ANS IN THE COMING DAYS

The National Supplementary Health Agency (ANS) will conduct a new inspection to Prevent Senior in the coming days. The first inspection took place on September 17, shortly after complaints that the health plan operator concealed deaths from covid-19, prescribed hydroxychloroquine without patients' authorization and restricted the autonomy of doctors, among others. On Tuesday this week, the regulatory agency issued a notice of infraction against Prevent Senior after finding that the operator did not provide information to customers about the use of the so-called covid kit. About 100 doctors and users of the operator have been heard so far, according to sources. "Elements that contradict the initial version presented by the operator were verified", according to a statement from the ANS. [Read more.](#)

FEDERAL POLICE OPERATES IN A COMPANY TARGETED BY THE CPI ON SUSPICION OF MONEY LAUNDERING

The Federal Police, the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Public Ministry jointly conducted, this Thursday morning (30), a search and seizure operation at the headquarters of the company Global Gestão em Saúde, in Barueri, São Paulo. One of Global's partners is Francisco Emerson Maximiano, who also owns Need Medications, which is being investigated in the Pandemic CPI for negotiating doses of the Indian vaccine Covaxin with the Ministry of Health. According to the PF, the objective of the action is to investigate a money laundering scheme and corruption of political agents in exchange for support in hiring companies belonging to those investigated by public companies of the federal government. [Read more.](#)

FIOCRUZ SEES 'STRONG SIGNS' OF THE END OF THE PANDEMIC BY THE FIRST MONTHS OF 2022, SAYS BULLETIN

The Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) reported this Friday that it is possible to observe signs of cooling down in the covid-19 pandemic, with the most recent health data on the evolution

of the disease in the country. For the researchers, the advance of vaccination was essential to improve the disease picture in Brazil, and they noted that initiatives such as "vaccination passport" are important, that is, mandatory proof of immunization against covid-19 for entry into certain environments. According to experts, "there is strong evidence" to believe that the pandemic will end by the first months of 2022, say researchers in the Bulletin. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL TO GIVE COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOTS TO PEOPLE OVER 60 YEARS OLD

Brazil will provide COVID-19 vaccine booster shots to all its people over 60-years-old, Health Minister Marcelo Queiroga said on Tuesday. Queiroga said in a tweet that the decision comes in line with progress in the country's vaccination program. About 7 million Brazilians could get the booster shot under these conditions, he said. [Read more.](#)

REBUFFED BY BOLSONARO, BRAZIL MEDICAL INSTITUTE TO SELL VACCINES ABROAD

Brazil's Butantan biomedical institute is in talks to sell a locally manufactured COVID-19 vaccine developed by China's Sinovac to other countries in South America and Africa, as the federal government has not ordered more of the shots. Butantan Director Dimas Covas said on Wednesday that the institute also has contracts to supply the vaccine directly to Brazilian states. Butantan is currently producing the shot developed by Sinovac Biotech Ltd (SVA.O) in the Sao Paulo state using inputs imported from China, but it aims to complete a factory for 100% local production by early next year. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S BIOMM SIGNS DEALS TO DISTRIBUTE CANSINO COVID-19 VACCINE

Brazilian biotech company Biomm SA (BIOM3.SA) has signed an exclusive deal to distribute Cansino Biologics' (6185.HK) COVID-19 vaccine in Brazil, a securities filing showed on Friday. Biomm said the agreement includes a potential production of the vaccine in its plant in Minas Gerais. The company will send Brazilian healthcare authority Anvisa a new requirement for the emergency use of Cansino's vaccine in Brazil. [Read more.](#)

PFIZER REQUESTS ASSESSMENT OF EFFICIENCY OF THIRD DOSE OF ITS VACCINE

Representatives from pharmaceutical company Pfizer asked Brazil's national drug regulator Anvisa for authorization to administer a third dose of vaccine Comirnaty in volunteers who received the first two doses of the inoculation at least six months ago. As it stands today, Comirnaty's package insert stipulates that each person should receive only two doses. The permit for a booster dose hinges on the approval of the Brazilian watchdog, tasked with certifying the security and efficiency of vaccines. If the change is approved, the third dose may be administered in everyone aged 12 and older who received Comirnaty. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL: DELAY IN SECOND DOSE OF VACCINE AGAINST COVID-19 STANDS AT 11%

The Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), linked to the Health Ministry (Sep. 29), published today its VigiVac report, monitoring the progress of Brazil's vaccination scheme against COVID-19, developed under the country's National Immunization Program. The first results, based on data made public by September 15, show that the country's rate of delay for all vaccines stands at 11 percent—15 percent for AstraZeneca, 33 percent for CoronaVac, and one percent for Pfizer-BioNTech. Fiocruz points out, however, that the vaccination with Pfizer did not start until May, and that the number of individuals with a possible delay is still low. [Read more.](#)

NUMBER OF ORGAN TRANSPLANTS GROWS BUT REMAINS BELOW PRE-PANDEMIC LEVEL

The number of organ and tissue transplants in Brazil grew 14% from January to June 2021 compared to the same period in 2020. However, it has not yet reached the level before the new coronavirus pandemic, according to Folha de S. Paulo. There were 10,363 organs and tissues transplanted in 2021, against 9,052 in 2020. In 2019, there were 13,302 transplants. The data were presented this Monday (27) during the opening of the National Campaign to Incentive the Donation of Organs and Tissues by the Ministry of Health. According to data from the folder, there are 53,218 people waiting for a transplant in Brazil. The coordinator of the

National Transplant System at the Ministry of Health, Arlene Terezinha Badoch, said that the ministry will work with two structuring axes in relation to the donation and transplantation process. [Read more.](#)

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES INSTALLS THE PARLIAMENTARY FRONT FOR TRANSPLANTS

On the initiative of Deputy Dr. Luizinho (PP-RJ), the Chamber of Deputies held, this Tuesday (28), the launching ceremony of the Parliamentary Front for Transplants. The act was held during the Organ Donor Week, referring to the National Organ Donor Day, celebrated on Monday (27). Deputy Dr. Luizinho (PP-RJ), who is also president of the Commission on Social Security and Family, highlighted the importance of having a dedicated front to exclusively discuss issues related to transplantation and organ donation in Brazil. He explained that the objective is to monitor, debate, forward and support demands related to transplants throughout the country, as well as seeking to continuously improve the legislation based on thematic commissions installed in the Chamber of Deputies. [Read more.](#)

WORLD HEART DAY IS THE SUBJECT OF DEBATE IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Meeting held by the Women's Secretariat of the Chamber of Deputies, together with the Health and Covid Working Groups, debated, this Wednesday (29), the World Heart Day. Dr. Clarissa Thiers, employee of the National Institute of Cardiology of the Ministry of Health, addressed the importance of information and preparation of physicians and residents for the recognition of symptoms of cardiovascular diseases, as women behave differently from men. He mentioned that the woman has much more Heart Failure with a normal-sized heart, called the Preserved Ejection Fraction, in which access to treatment is difficult. Thus, the guest believes that there is a vast field of improvement in relation to medications, mentioning that authorized treatments could be released by the SUS, impacting the number of hospitalizations and mortality. [Read more.](#)

HEALTH COMMITTEE DEBATES ON ECMO OFFER IN SUS

The Committee on Social Security and Family (CSSF), of the Chamber of Deputies, promoted, on Tuesday (29), a public hearing to debate on ECMO therapy in patients with Covid in the scope of the SUS. The meeting was requested by deputy Carmen Zanotto (Cidadania-SC), through application 159/2021. The rapporteur of Bill 1514/2021, Deputy Carla Dickson (PROS-RN), explained that it is necessary to think about the patient and, thus, work with strategic planning, as a macro-region and reference hospitals, in order to guarantee access to treatment. He said he will seek the Ministry of Health after the completion of his favorable opinion, with Substitute, to the project. [Read more.](#)

"AS FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON THE GOVERNMENT, WE WILL NOT HAVE A COVID PASSPORT", SAYS BOLSONARO

In addition to casting doubts on the safety and efficacy of vaccines against covid-19, President Jair Bolsonaro reinforced this Friday that, as far as it depends on his government, the so-called vaccine passport, already adopted in Brazil, will not be implemented in Brazil. "We live in another moment, I pray to God, coming out of the pandemic. But I want to say that, as far as the federal government is concerned, we will not have a covid passport," said Bolsonaro, who refuses to be vaccinated. [Read more.](#)

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF MEDICINE SUED BY DPU FOR RELEASING USE OF CHLOROQUINE

The Federal Public Defender's Office (DPU) filed a lawsuit for collective moral damages against the Federal Council of Medicine (CFM) due to the approval, in April 2020, of an opinion that allowed the use of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine in patients with Covid-19. The petition was filed this Friday (1/10), at the 22nd Civil Court of São Paulo, with the signature of federal public defender João Paulo Dorini, also a regional defender of Human Rights in São Paulo. The process is 5028266-85.2021.4.03.6100. [Read more.](#)

THE SECOND PHASE OF REVERSE DRUG LOGISTICS IN THE NATIONAL TERRITORY BEGINS

As of this Tuesday (9/28) phase 2 of the National Solid Waste Policy (PNRS) begins, comprising the qualification of service providers who may work in reverse logistics, the preparation of a communication plan with the aim of disseminating this system, and the beginning of the installation of points for receiving medicines and their packaging, observing the cut-off line that currently includes state capitals and municipalities with a population of more than five hundred thousand inhabitants. [Read more](#).



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