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SENATE PASSES BILL TO CREATE POLICY FOR CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL

The Federal Senate passed, on Wednesday (22), Bill 2952/2022, which establishes a new policy for National Cancer Prevention and Control. The text also creates the Navigation Program for Patients Diagnosed with Cancer. The bill will be sent for sanction of the President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. The bill was sponsored last year by the Special Committee to Combat Cancer of the House of Representatives. Senator Hiran Gonçalves (PP-RR), the rapporteur in the Federal Senate, emphasized the importance of the text to improve the National Policy for Cancer, filling gaps in current legislation to strengthen and innovate cancer prevention and control strategies. The bill approved aims to reduce the incidence of cancer, improve patients' quality of life, reduce mortality and guarantee access to comprehensive care. The bill establishes that new treatments and drugs related to assistance to people with cancer will have priority in the analysis for incorporation into the SUS, with their availability occurring within 180 days after incorporation. The senator maintained the version passed by the Social Affairs Committee (CAS) of the Federal Senate, clarifying that the priorities designated for the centralized acquisition of drugs by the Ministry of Health are not cumulative. Thus, the Ministry of Health will buy the treatments in cases of: a) neoplasms with highly complex treatment; b) incorporations that represent a high financial impact for the SUS; or c) neoplasms with a higher incidence, in order to guarantee greater equity and economy for the country. Read more.

PUBLIC HEARING WILL DEBATE THE SCENARIO OF CANCER AND MEN'S HEALTH IN BRAZIL

The Special Committee to Combat Cancer will hold a public hearing next Tuesday (28), in the House of Representatives, to discuss Men's Health with a focus on research to combat cancer in Brazil. The event was requested by the Chair of the Committee, Congressman Weliton Prado (Solidariedade-MG). At the end of the event, an awareness phrase will be projected at the National Congress building. Read more.

MINISTER OF HEALTH WILL PARTICIPATE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee in the Chamber will hear Minister of Health about purchasing immunoglobulin without a tender in a contract for the purchase of almost 300 thousand vials of immunoglobulin. The agreement took place in April this year with no need for bidding, reported Estado de S. Paulo. The request is based on a report from the Metrópoles portal in September, which showed that a company from Goiás, with just one employee, was hired for R\$285.8 million to supply the medicine for the department. The minister was also invited to explain to parliamentarians about the inclusion of the covid-19 vaccine in the National Immunization Program (PNI), making it mandatory for children between six months and five years. Read more.

COMMITTEE WILL DEBATE REIMBURSEMENT OF ORAL MEDICATION BY HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS

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The Committee of Legislative Participation in the House of Representatives will discuss on Tuesday (28) the reimbursement by health plans of medicines to treat immune-mediated diseases, reported Agência Câmara. These diseases occur when there is an abnormal inflammatory response in the body after exposure to a trigger. There are more than 100 types of known immune-mediated diseases, including Crohn's disease and psoriasis. They can have many origins, they have no cure, but they can be treated. The debate was suggested by deputy Erika Kokay (PT-DF), who is the sponsor of Bill 4871/23, which obliges health plans to cover the treatment of specific target oral medications. Read more.

CONGRESSMAN PROPOSES PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE NEW ANS RULES ABOUT COVERAGE FOR ADVANCED THERAPY PRODUCTS

The Committee of Legislative Participation will analyze request 92/2023, which requires a public hearing to discuss the new rules of the National Health Agency (ANS) that deal with health plan coverage for advanced therapy products. The proponent of the public hearing is Congressman Aureo Ribeiro (Solidariedade-RJ). Read more.

PARLIAMENTARY FRONT FOR INNOVATION AND HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES FOR RARE DISEASES DEBATE ON CLINICAL TRIALS

The Parliamentary Front for Innovation and Health Technologies for Rare Diseases held, this Wednesday (22), the 1st Technical Meeting to debate the topic 'From Clinical Trials to Incorporation'. The event was coordinated by the president of the front, Congresswoman Rosângela Moro (União-SP). Read more.

CNJ APPROVES STANDARD FOR ADEQUATE COMPLIANCE WITH JUDICIAL HEALTH DECISIONS

Unanimously, the National Council of Justice (CNJ) approved a normative act with guidelines for adequate compliance with judicial decisions involving the right to public health, reported the Jota website. The proposal aims to assist the judiciary in conducting processes on the subject and includes strategies to qualify and rationalize decisions. The rule, approved in the Virtual Plenary between the 9th and 17th of November, was the result of the Working Group (GT), established by Ordinance 297/2022, and brought together state and federal magistrates specializing in the subject and members appointed by the Ministry of Health and the Federal Justice Council (CJF). Among the recommendations established are the suggestion to consult the public portal for registering the price of health technologies, the setting of reasonable deadlines for compliance with decisions and the guidance that bank accounts of public servants, involved in judicial decisions, or accounts with resources from agreements involving public entities are not blocked. Read more.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Annual review of remuneration for services provided to the SUS goes to Plenary

Pharmaceutical companies must lead reindustrialization, points out association

Regulatory agencies have new instance of institutional representation

Anvisa holds workshop on biological products

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Brazil's Lula wishes luck and success to new Argentine president

Argentina's Milei must apologize to Lula for offensive comments: Brazil minister

Who is Javier Milei, Argentina's new libertarian president?

Brazil's Lula wants to reach Mercosur-EU deal this year

Lula: Leading G20 is Brazil's top global responsibility

Brazil to propose mega fund to conserve forests at COP28 climate summit

Rain helps bring fire in pantanal biome under control

Brazil signs on to global climate deal to triple renewable energy

Brazil readies measures to help sectors hit by veto on tax benefits

Brazil's unemployment drops from 8% to 7.7% in third quarter

Lula hopes deal leads to peace between Israel, Palestine



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