

# WEEKLY REPORT

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## **NÍSIA TRINDADE SIGNS ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS THAT FORMALIZE THE NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEALTH ECONOMIC-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX**

This Thursday (7), in a plenary meeting of the Executive Group of the Health Economic-Industrial Complex (GECEIS), in Brasília, the Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, participated in the signing of four ordinances and opening of two public consultations that formalize the National Strategy for the Development of the Health Economic-Industrial Complex; It was launched on September 26 by the President of the Republic, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. One of the ordinances establishes the Matrix of Productive and Technological Challenges in Health. The others, the following structuring programs of the CEIS: Program for Neglected Populations and Diseases; Program for Preparation in Vaccines, Serums, and Blood Products; and Program for Expansion and Modernization of Infrastructure of the Health Economic-Industrial Complex. [Read more.](#)

## **NATIONAL PRODUCTION IS GROWING, POINTS OUT ALANAC**

The Association of National Pharmaceutical Laboratories (Alanac) is completing 40 years, in celebration, it released positive data, highlighted an article in the newspaper Correio Braziliense. The information released by the entity, in Brasília, showed that in 1975, the participation of national pharmaceutical industries in the market, in units, consisted of 17%. In 2022, this share rose to 72%. The study also pointed out that, in 1996, only one national laboratory was among the top-20 in the retail market in units. In 2022, this number rose to 13 laboratories, seven of which are among the top-10. For the CEO of Alanac, Fernando de Castro Marques, the four decades were filled with "a lot of work, determination and effort". Alanac's executive president, Henrique Tada, said that this is a moment of recognition for the path taken and the significant challenges that were overcome. The national industry, stated Henrique Tada, is now preparing for the changes that will come and for the next 40 years, with goals of entering developed markets, greater investment in innovation, increase and improvement of manufacturing capacity and an even more prominent position in Latin America. [Read more.](#)

## **PUBLIC HEARING ABOUT THE DRUG PRICE REGULATION IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 13th.**

The Consumer Protection Committee (CDC) of the House of Representatives scheduled, for December 13th, at 9:30 am, a public hearing to discuss the medicine price regulation model in Brazil. The debate was requested by congressmen Aureo Ribeiro (Solidariedade-RJ) and Celso Russomanno (Republicanos-SP), who highlighted the relevance of the subject. They claim that drugstores have been charging higher prices for medicines, aiming to offer 'discounts' to consumers upon presentation of their CPF. This has resulted in the creation of an extensive database of citizens, used to target advertisements by pharmaceutical companies. [Read more.](#)

## **BILL FOR ANNUAL CORRECTION OF PRICES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE SUS GOES TO SANCTION**

The Senate approved this Wednesday (6) the bill that establishes the periodic review of remuneration values for services provided to the Unified Health System (SUS), with guaranteed quality and economic-financial balance, reported Agência Senado. The bill will now be sent to presidential sanction. Amendment presented to the project by the government leader, senator Jaques Wagner (PT-BA), provides that the values for the total remuneration of health services will be defined in December of each year by act of the Ministry of Health, seeking to guarantee the service, economic and financial balance and preservation of the real value allocated to remuneration for services, subject to budgetary and financial availability. [Read more.](#)

## **HEALTH IS THE COUNTRY'S MAIN PROBLEM; SECURITY AND EDUCATION COME NEXT**

Health is the topic that is of greatest concern to Brazilians among the areas that are considered under the responsibility of the federal government, according to a new survey by Datafolha, carried out last Tuesday (5), reported the G1 portal. The survey interviewed 2,004 people in 135 cities, with a margin of error of plus or minus two points. In September, 17% of those interviewed said they were concerned about their health, now the percentage is 23%. With this value, health took the lead in the ranking, while three similar themes 'Public Security', 'Violence' and 'Police' are second in the ranking, with 17%. Education is the third most cited, with a rate of 11%. Other topics of concern are corruption (8%); hunger/misery (7%); unemployment (7%); economy (6%); government management (4%); public policies, social area, and inflation (all 2%); environment (1%). [Read more.](#)

## **SENATE RARE DISEASES SUBCOMMITTEE WILL FOCUS ON THE NATIONAL RARE DISEASES POLICY NEXT YEAR**

The Permanent Subcommittee on the Rights of People with Rare Diseases (CASRaras) concluded its 2023 work this Tuesday (5) with the approval of a report on activities of the collegiate promoted this year, reported the Senado Agency. The text by senator Mara Gabrilli (PSD-SP), president of the subcommittee, highlighted the actions to monitor the neonatal screening and the National Policy for Comprehensive Care in Clinical Genetics. The subcommittee also defined focus areas for next year. The collegiate must look into the legislation that established, within the scope of the SUS, the National Policy for Comprehensive Care for People with Rare Diseases, according to the report. According to the president of the subcommittee, rare diseases constitute a major challenge for the health network worldwide, considering that many are difficult to manage. [Read more.](#)

## **DENGUE VACCINE: MINISTER SAYS THAT DECISION TO INCLUDE IMMUNIZATION IN THE SUS WILL BE TAKEN LATER THIS YEAR**

The Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, stated that the plan is to decide on the incorporation of the new vaccine against dengue, Qdenga, into the Unified Health System (SUS) still in 2024. The ministry plans to adopt the immunizer for priority age groups in the SUS as one of the strategies to combat the epidemic scenario expected for the beginning of 2024. The National Commission for the Incorporation of Technologies (Conitec), linked to Health, opened this Thursday (07) a public consultation to hear society's opinion on the incorporation of the immunizer into the public system. According to the national secretary of Health Surveillance, Ethel Maciel, in the worst-case scenario, 5 million cases of dengue fever are projected in 2024. In 2023, there were 1.66 million cases by mid-November. Conitec initially recommended the incorporation of the vaccine into the SUS for priority locations and audiences that will be defined by the National Immunization Program (PNI). [Read more.](#)

## **37% OF BRAZILIANS OVER 50 SUFFER FROM CHRONIC PAIN AND A THIRD OF THEM TAKE OPIOIDS**

One in three Brazilians over the age of 50 suffers from some type of chronic pain - and almost a third of this group uses opioids to alleviate discomfort, a rate seen as worrying by the Ministry of Health and experts due to the high potential of this class of medications. has to cause dependence, highlighted an article from Estado de S. Paulo. Given this scenario, the federal agency is preparing a new treatment protocol for chronic pain in the Unified Health System (SUS) to provide alternatives to the use of these medications. [Read more.](#)

### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

[Commission approves different criteria for pricing of gene, cellular and stem cell therapies](#)

[Approved to hold a public hearing on new ANS rules that deal with health plan coverage for advanced therapy products](#)

[Public hearing debates chronic myeloid leukemia and treatment difficulties](#)

[Public hearing debates the use of artificial intelligence applied to health](#)

[Deputies propose creation of the Permanent Subcommittee for Public Health Policies for Autism Spectrum Disorder and Rare Diseases](#)

### **BRAZIL NEWS**

[Crisis-weary Argentines pin hopes on Milei's economic shock therapy](#)

[Lula says Brazil never to be full member of OPEC+, only observer](#)

[Lula says Brazil's participation in OPEC+ is to stop oil producers using fossil fuels](#)

[EU Council president Spain sees ways to clinch Mercosur deal by year-end](#)

[Mercosur summit overshadowed by fate of EU trade deal, Milei in the wings](#)

[Lula in Berlin for first Brazil-Germany talks in eight years](#)

[Brazil central bank chief says bank's autonomy challenges were overcome](#)

[Latin America must invest up to 4.9% of GDP annually to meet climate goals -UN](#)

[Brazil urging Venezuela to avoid force or threats against Guyana, says Lula aide](#)

[South American countries urge peaceful solution to Venezuela, Guyana tensions](#)

[To feed its own people, Brazil embarks on long road to turn its back on intensive agriculture](#)

[Paraguay, Brazil launch big crackdown on arms trafficking](#)

[Brazil anti-deforestation agents protest working conditions under Lula](#)

[Deforestation in Brazilian Amazon down 64% in November](#)