

WEEKLY REPORT

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH COMMITTED 98% OF PARLIAMENTARY AMENDMENTS IN 2023

The payment of parliamentary amendments by the Ministry of Health in 2023 was within the Ministry's average over the last five years, according to data from the SIOP and Siga Brasil systems, highlighted Folha de S.Paulo newspaper. In 2023, the Ministry committed (that is, reserved for payment) 98% of the total available in parliamentary amendments of all types: individual, parties and committees. R\$14.7 billion were committed. At the beginning of this month, the president of the House of Representatives, Arthur Lira (PP-AL) requested information to the Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, questioning the Ministry's criteria for allocating resources to States and municipalities. The request was his initiative and the leaders of six parties: PDT, Republicans, União Brasil, PSDB, Podemos and PL. The request for information was formulated after party leaders questioned the supposed lack of payment for amendments in the Department and adds to the climate of dissatisfaction among congressmen with the veto of the President of the Republic, Lula, of R\$ 5.6 billion in committee amendments. in the 2024 Budget. There is also a suspicion, on the part of deputies, that PT city halls are being privileged in the distribution of resources, in addition to dissatisfaction with the supposed lack of payment of the remaining resources. [Read more.](#)

NEW DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON DRAFT ORDINANCES ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PRODUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT AND THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION PROGRAM

In an extra edition of the Official Gazette of the Union published on Friday (09), the Ministry of Health published public consultations 09 and 10, which extend the deadline for submitting contributions on drafts of Ministerial Ordinances until February 23rd., which provide for the Partnership for Productive Development and the Local Development and Innovation Program. [Read more.](#)

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY WILL RECEIVE R\$70 MILLION FROM BNDES FOR RESEARCH CENTER

The BNDES (National Bank for Economic and Social Development) approved financing of R\$70 million for the pharmaceutical company Althaia to establish a research center for new medicines in Atibaia, in the interior of São Paulo. Under the project, the research and innovation area will be five times larger. "It is a priority for President Lula's government to expand access to healthcare and reduce the vulnerability of the Unified Health System. We will pursue this objective", says Aloizio Mercadante, president of BNDES. [Read more.](#)

DRUGSTORES HAVE ALMOST NO VACCINES FOR THE 1ST DOSE OF DENGUE IMMUNIZATION

Large pharmacy chains have almost no stock for the 1st dose of dengue vaccine in São Paulo. The shortage occurs because the manufacturer is prioritizing supply to the Ministry of Health – the body plans to begin vaccination through the SUS (Unified Health System) in February, Valor Econômico reported. With the explosion of cases of the disease across the country, the greater demand for the vaccine had already affected availability in private clinics and hospitals. The shortage now affects pharmacies. The Droga Raia and Drogasil networks, for example, recorded a 600% increase in vaccine application between November and the end of January. Now, there is almost no supply left for the first dose. [Read more.](#)

CHANGES IN THE ANS LIST DID NOT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE JUDICIALIZATION AGAINST HEALTH PLANS, SAYS STUDY

The law that obliges health plans to pay for treatments outside the ANS (National Supplementary Health Agency) reference list had no verifiable impact on the judicialization against companies of the sector in its first year, highlighted a report from Folha de S. Paulo. This is the main conclusion of a survey conducted by Idec (Brazilian Institute for Consumer Protection) in partnership with PUC-SP (Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo), which analyzed around 40 thousand processes distributed in the first instance in the TJ-SP (São Paulo Court of Justice) between January 2019 and August 2023. The study only considered legal actions motivated by denials of coverage. [Read more.](#)

RARE DISEASES IN DAIICHI SANKYO'S TARGET

Daiichi Sankyo is investing in solutions for rare diseases, those that affect less than 65 people in every group of one hundred thousand. Entry into the segment occurs through the launch of a drug for the treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as ALS. Edaravone, the active ingredient of the medication in question, has the effect of eliminating free radicals that increase in ALS, protecting motor neurons from oxidative stress and delaying the decline in muscle strength and the progress of muscle atrophy. The drug has already been approved for the same indication in the United States, Japan, South Korea, Canada, Switzerland, and China. "Daiichi Sankyo is committed to finding solutions for the unmet needs of people, such as those with ALS, who, for almost three decades, have not had new treatment alternatives in Brazil. The scenario is challenging, but, with our excellence in research and development, we want to renew the hope of patients with rare diseases, providing better health and quality of life", says Gabriela Prior, medical director of Daiichi Sankyo Brasil. [Read more.](#)

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