

WEEKLY REPORT

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HEALTH ANNOUNCES R\$30 MILLION TO EXTEND NEWBORN SCREENING TEST

The Ministry of Health announced an increase of more than R\$30 million per year to expand the National Neonatal Screening Program (PNTN), reported the Gov Agency. In 2024, by the way, the 10th anniversary of the National Policy for Comprehensive Care for People with Rare Diseases will be celebrated, after interruptions in neonatal screening and difficulties in implementing the policy in recent years. [Read more.](#)

REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTS A PUBLIC HEARING ABOUT THE NATIONAL POLICY FOR RARE DISEASES

Representative Rosângela Moro (União-SP) sponsored, at the Health Committee, Request 17/2024, which requires a public hearing to be held to debate the need to update the National Policy for Comprehensive Care for People with Rare Diseases, as well as the improvement of the Guidelines for Comprehensive Care for People with Rare Diseases within the scope of the Unified Health System (SUS) and financial funding incentives, established by Ordinance No. 199 of January 30, 2014. [Read more.](#)

REPRESENTATIVES REQUEST THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ABOUT RARE DISEASES

Rosângela Moro (União-SP) and deputy Dr. Zacharias Calil (União-GO) presented, to the Health Committee, Request 15/2024, which requires the constitution of the Permanent Subcommittee to deal with Rare Diseases. [Read more.](#)

BILL AIMS TO CREATE THE BLUE SEAL FOR COMPANIES WHICH SUPPORT MEN WITH PROSTATE CANCER

Representative Silvia Waiãpi (PL-AP) presented Bill 687/2024, which regulates the working conditions of men who have been diagnosed, are undergoing treatment, or are awaiting remission for prostate cancer and establishes the Blue Seal. The project proposes the creation of the Blue Company Program to promote the inclusion and reintegration of men with prostate cancer into the job market, through partnerships with public bodies and actions that raise awareness and support companies in this regard. The company participating in the Blue Company Program must develop actions to hire and reintegrate men with prostate cancer, ensuring adequate working conditions, promoting awareness about the disease, and preserving jobs. [Read more.](#)

PARLIAMENTARY FRONT IN DEFENSE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH HOLDS ROUND TABLE ABOUT CHALLENGES FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

The round table of the Parliamentary Front in Defense of Women's Health was held this Tuesday (12), chaired by deputy Renilce Nicodemos (MDB-PA), in reference to Women's Month, to reflect on women's health. During the event, Priscila Caroline, technical advisor for the coordination of women's health care at the Ministry of Health, highlighted that the department faces challenges in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. The first challenge is to reduce maternal mortality, which currently stands at an average of 50 deaths for every 100,000 live births. The goal is to reduce this average to 30 deaths by 2030. Another challenge she

addresses is family and reproductive planning. Priscila highlighted that although there is a National Law that regulates the topic, there are still many restrictions, especially with regard to tubal ligation, which is often chosen due to the lack of access to other contraceptive methods. She informed that this year the National Policy for Comprehensive Attention to Women's Health is being discussed, which proposes that the Unified Health System (SUS) meets the needs of women at all stages of life, from the prevention of communicable diseases to the menopause. The advisor noted that this regulation is challenging, as resources tend to focus on the period of pregnancy and contraception, failing to meet the needs of older women during menopause. [Read more.](#)

SEARCH FOR ACUTE MYELOID LEUKEMIA REACHES PEAK NUMBER OF SEARCHES IN BRAZIL

Influencer Fabiana Justus, 37, moved her thousands of followers by sharing her diagnosis of acute myeloid leukemia on social media. Because of this, this type of cancer reached the peak of search interest in Brazil at the end of January, according to Google Trends. The data has been compiled since 2004, the year in which the platform's historical series began, highlighted Folha de S.Paulo newspaper. According to Inca (National Cancer Institute), this is the most common type of leukemia in adults, and the incidence increases with age. Because of the disease, Fabiana had to stop breastfeeding her six-month-old son, Luigi. Doctor Sérgio Brasil, hematology coordinator at Hospital Santa Paula, part of the Dasa network, explains that this is necessary because the drugs used in chemotherapy would pass into breast milk and affect the baby. Furthermore, Fabiana, who is also the mother of five-year-old twins, spent 34 days in hospital and was unable to receive visitors frequently. Brasil says that this restriction is because chemotherapy will reduce the patient's immunity, leaving them susceptible to infections, which could hinder cancer treatment. [Read more.](#)

AS TEMPERATURES RISE, BRAZIL RAMPS UP EFFORTS TO COMBAT DENGUE OUTBREAKS

Brazil marked the start of 2024 by recording a doubling in cases of dengue, the mosquito-borne illness whose symptoms can be incapacitating. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), Brazil had the highest number of dengue cases in the world in 2023, accounting for 2.9 million out of 5 million registered cases. The surge in dengue cases is just one of the health impacts being experienced by Latin America's biggest country as climate change bites, exacerbated by El Niño, the periodic warming of the ocean surface. In 2023, because of El Niño, the northern region in Brazil recorded less rain than expected and faced a historic drought. Part of the population had to store water for consumption, which, in turn, increased the number of places with stagnant water and potential mosquito breeding sites. [Read more.](#)

MINISTER OF HEALTH CAN PRESENT ACTIONS AND POLICIES IN THE FIRST YEAR OF MANAGEMENT

Representative Rosângela Moro (União-SP) presented request 16/2024, which requests the summons of the Minister of State for Health, Nísia Trindade, to present the public actions and policies developed by the department in its first year of management. She also proposes that the minister provide information on Technical Note No. 2/2024, in force, which states that the recommendation based on the most recent scientific evidence is to guarantee the right to abortion under the conditions provided for by law at any gestational age. [Read more.](#)

MINISTRY OF HEALTH RESPONDS TO ARTHUR LIRA AND TALKS ABOUT TECHNICAL CRITERIA IN THE RULES FOR AMENDMENTS

In response to questions from the president of the Chamber, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), and leaders from the center, the Ministry of Health stated that it uses technical criteria to distribute the

budget itself and define the limits of amendment resources that each state and municipality can receive, highlighted an article in Folha de S. Paulo . 'Whether it is to increase the MAC ceiling [annual resource limit for actions in hospitals and outpatient clinics] of each entity, or to grant a temporary increase in the form of a single installment, technical criteria are applied', said the ministry. At the beginning of February, Lira and six deputies questioned Minister Nísia Trindade about the sharing of the Health budget. [Read more](#).

BRAZIL HAD 29,000 ORGAN TRANSPLANTS IN 2023, THE HIGHEST NUMBER IN HISTORY

For the first time, Brazil reached numbers of transplants similar to those presented before the Covid pandemic. In 2023, 29,261 transplants were registered throughout the national territory, the highest number in the country's history and 11% more than the procedures carried out in 2022, highlighted an article in Folha de S. Paulo. Data from the latest edition of the RBT (Brazilian Transplant Report) also shows that liver, heart, cornea and liver cell donor and transplant rates were record highs. [Read more](#).

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