

# WEEKLY REPORT

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## **PRESIDENT LULA STATES THAT NÍSIA TRINDADE REMAINS AT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

During the cabinet's meeting on Monday (18), the Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, addressed the recent crises that the department has faced. She stated that the numbers regarding Yanomami deaths are higher than in the Jair Bolsonaro (PL) government because there was underreporting in the previous administration. She also spoke about the dengue epidemic and federal hospitals in Rio de Janeiro. She also said that she is under a lot of political pressure and stated that some people demand that she speak harshly, but that she will continue speaking as she currently does, with 'forcefulness'. At the end of the meeting, Lula replicated Nísia's statement. Regarding the Yanomami, she said that the minister should improve communication about the case, she also recalled that there was confusion at the beginning of the dengue vaccination campaign, implying that there were vaccines for the entire population, when that was not the case. The president said that the minister will be kept in office, stating that only he is the one who appoints and dismisses the government. [Read more.](#)

## **MINISTER OF HEALTH DISMISSES SECRETARY OF SPECIALIZED HEALTH CARE**

The Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, dismissed, this Monday (18), Helvécio Miranda Magalhães Júnior from the position of Secretary of Specialized Health Care at the Ministry of Health. The former secretary was dismissed after a crisis in the healthcare network in the federal hospitals in Rio de Janeiro. The minister chose public health specialist Nilton Pereira Júnior to take Magalhães' place, on an interim basis, in the Specialized Health Care Secretariat. [Read more.](#)

## **NÍSIA: THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A LACK OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN ME AND ANY POLITICAL PARTY**

The Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, said this Wednesday, 20, that there has never been a lack of dialogue with any party, Broadcast reported. According to her, parties are essential, but it is necessary to establish that all parliamentary demands are seen with criteria of equity in the distribution of resources to States and municipalities. [Read more.](#)

## **NÍSIA ASSESSES THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF DIALOGUE WITH DIRECTORS OF FEDERAL HOSPITALS IN RIO: 'REVIEW ALL THIS'**

The Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, spoke this Wednesday (20) about the situation of federal hospitals in Rio de Janeiro, reported the G1 portal. Last Sunday, the Fantástico report showed the abandonment of these hospitals, with reports of scrapping, expired materials, and delays in treating patients. In an interview with Estúdio i, Nísia assesses that there was a lack of dialogue with directors of federal hospitals. "Important things were done, but there was a lack of dialogue with the directors, there was a lack of closer monitoring. And we are at the moment to review all of this, to make things really work so that these hospitals offer the service that the population needs. It is worth saying that hospitals are not closed, this is a false impression", she said. On Monday (18), one day after Fantástico's complaint, the minister dismissed the director of the Department of Hospital Management from the department, Alexandre Telles. She points out advances in management, but that some problems still persist. [Read more.](#)

## **NOTE ON ABORTION WAS RELEASED TO CREATE CONFUSION, SAYS NÍSIA TRINDADE IN AN INTERVIEW WITH TV**

The Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, stated this Wednesday (20) that the technical note on abortion, which came to light at the end of February, was released without his order and with the aim of 'creating confusion', reported Valor Econômico. The minister did not name those responsible but suggested that the motivation was to reach it. She again said that the text had not been validated by her and that President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva understood what had happened. 'I clarified [to the president]. It wasn't an official note, nothing has yet been sent to the Federal Supreme Court because I have to do the review. (...) It was something in process', stated the minister in an interview with GloboNews. [Read more.](#)

## **NEWS WEBSITE ANALYZED 319 THOUSAND PAYMENTS FROM PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES TO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN BRAZIL**

UOL, a news website in Brazil, created a database with 319,000 records to investigate the economic relationship between Brazilian doctors and manufacturers of medicines and prosthetics. Companies hire lectures, pay for trips, invite them to dinners and give gifts to professionals, which opens the door to conflicts of interest. The data analyzed are from Minas Gerais, the only state in the country that requires, by law, that all payments and benefits granted to those working in the health sector be declared. The Minas Gerais law was proposed by state deputy Antônio Jorge (PPS), who is a doctor and was Secretary of Health in the government of Antonio Anastasia (PSDB). Approved on Christmas Eve 2016, it was opposed by the sector — both doctors and industry. In 2017, the year in which the declaration became mandatory, lawyers for pharmaceutical companies told Secretariat employees that it would not be necessary to declare because no one would inspect it. The story was told to UOL by two people who led the implementation of the law. In fact, the information was never monitored. Furthermore, companies send data in a way that makes analysis difficult and even prevents patients from knowing the total amount allocated to each doctor. Over the course of five months, UOL gathered the data declared since 2017, standardized the records, corrected errors, identified attempts to hide payments and cross-referenced the information with the medical records of the Regional Council of Medicine of Minas Gerais. The analysis shows that the health industry granted R\$198 million to doctors in Minas Gerais, between 2017 and 2022 — excluding expenses declared as research financing. Of this amount, 70% was allocated to just 3% of the state's doctors. [Read more.](#)

## **HEALTH COMMITTEE PASSES THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE TO MONITOR THE REGULATION OF THE POLICY FOR NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

Health Committee of the House of Representatives approved, in a deliberative meeting this Wednesday (20), Request 36/2024, sponsored by representative Flávia Moraes (PDT-GO), which requires the creation of the Special Subcommittee for Monitor and supervise the regulation of the National Cancer Prevention and Control Policy (PNPCC). [Read more.](#)

## **ANVISA DECISION SHOULD INCREASE PRICE FOR TRANSPORTING MEDICINES BY 50%**

This Saturday, the 16th, the transitory period for RDC 653, which deals with the transport of medicines that require refrigeration, ended. According to Sindusfarma, to adapt to the standard, companies estimate a greater expense of up to 50% in the freight value, highlighted an article on the Panorama Farmacêutico portal with information from the R7 portal. The entity's executive president, Nelson Mussolini, stated that the changes represent a challenge, due to the country's geographic dimensions and could generate new costs. "Brazil is very big,

and this poses a problem on the routes of trucks that transport pharmaceutical products to the North of the country, due to the longer periods of time stopped on the roads," he says. [Read more.](#)

### **ANVISA EXTENDS THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES TO FOUR YEARS**

The validity of the Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practices (CBPF) for medical device manufacturers granted through MDSAP (Medical Device Single Audit Program Doctors) was extended from two to four years, through the publication of RDC 850, dated March 20, 2024, reported the Anvisa portal. The proposal was unanimously approved at the Collegiate Board Meeting (ROP 03/2024) held on March 19th. Director Rômison Rodrigues Mota highlighted, in his vote, that the change creates a favorable environment for adhering to MDSAP, by reducing the regulatory cost for companies, at the same time that it expands monitoring and brings efficiency and agility to the company's work process. Agency. The CEO, Antonio Barra Torres, highlighted that companies participating in the program will receive annual audits to monitor risk and verify compliance with good manufacturing practices, contributing to controlling the health risk of products. [Read more.](#)

### **ANVISA APPROVES STANDARD FOR TAKING EVALUATIONS FROM EQUIVALENT FOREIGN AUTHORITIES**

Anvisa approved, at the public meeting of the Collegiate Board of Directors this Tuesday (19), a normative instruction that establishes criteria for taking advantage of evaluations of Equivalent Foreign Regulatory Authorities (AREEs) by the Agency. According to the agency's portal, the measure applies to registration and post-registration analyzes of medicines, vaccines, and biological products, including the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient Suitability Letter (Cadifa). Also known as reliance, the standard establishes a simplified process for products that have been approved by foreign regulators with regulations and practices equivalent to those of Anvisa. [Read more.](#)

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

[Ministry of Health provides information about the measures and measures adopted to contain the increase in medication costs](#)

[Project aims to criminalize the illegal trade in high-cost medicines taken from the public health network](#)

[Industry wants more time to present studies on cannabinoid efficacy to Anvisa](#)

[Brazil is still far from meeting the target for reducing premature deaths](#)

## **BRAZIL NEWS**

[Brazil Lula's approval, disapproval statistically even, poll shows](#)

[Brazil police accuse Bolsonaro of fraud in vaccine records](#)

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