

WEEKLY REPORT

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NÍSIA TRINDADE ANNOUNCES NEW SECRETARY OF SPECIALIZED CARE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

The Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, announced Adriano Massuda as secretary of Specialized Care of the Ministry of Health this Tuesday (26/3), reported the newspaper Correio Braziliense. The position became vacant last week, after a report exposed the precarious situation in hospitals in Rio de Janeiro. 'Adriano has important experience both in management, inside and outside the Ministry of Health, and in the academic area, being a thinker of public health and the SUS. Everything that I consider important for such a big challenge', said the minister in a video recorded with the new member of the department. [Read more.](#)

MEDICINES SHOULD HAVE AN ADJUSTMENT OF 4.5% FROM APRIL 1ST

Medicines should have an adjustment of 4.5% this year, an estimate by Sindusfarma (Pharmaceutical Products Industry Union), which represents the pharmaceutical industry, reported Folha de S. Paulo. The increase comes into force from April 1st, after the adjustment is confirmed by Cmed (Chamber of Medicines Market Regulation). The increase is annual and takes into account a calculation that considers inflation in the period measured by the IPCA (Extended National Consumer Price Index), which stood at 4.5% in February over the last 12 months. [Read more.](#)

MINISTRY OF HEALTH WILL FINANCE FOUR NEW DRUGS FOR RARE DISEASES

The Ministry of Health will directly finance the purchase of four medicines for the treatment of rare diseases, reported the Agência Gov. The decision was agreed between municipal and state health managers during the 3rd plenary meeting of the year of the Tripartite Intermanagers Commission (CIT), held last Thursday (21/3). The medicines recently incorporated into the Unified Health System (SUS) and which will have centralized financing are: Rituximab for the treatment of vasculitis; Cladribine for the treatment of multiple sclerosis; Beta-agalsidase for the treatment of Fabry disease and Ustekinumab for the treatment of Crohn's disease, in 45 mg and 130 mg presentations. [Read more.](#)

FIOCRUZ SIGNS AGREEMENT TO PRODUCE CAR-T THERAPY IN BRAZIL

Fiocruz (Fundação Oswaldo Cruz) signed an agreement with the American organization Caring Cross for the transfer of CAR-T therapy technology in Brazil, highlighted an article in Folha de S. Paulo. The idea is that the treatment will begin to be made available by the SUS (Unified Health System) between the end of the year and the first half of 2025. With the agreement, the Ministry of Health expects there to be a 90% reduction in costs therapy, which today costs an average of US\$350,000 per dose (around R\$1.75 million). Due to national production, the idea is that each dose will cost US\$35,000 (or R\$175,000). The estimate is that the total cost for the SUS, considering the expenditure on 2,000 doses for patients who can be treated for leukemia and lymphoma (two types of cancer of the immune system), will be US\$70 million, approximately R\$349, 2 million reais, at the current price. [Read more.](#)

HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS MUST PROVIDE MEDICINE UPON INCLUSION ON THE ANS LIST

The 3rd Panel of the Superior Court of Justice (STJ) decided on Tuesday (19/3) that a health plan operator must supply the medicine risankizumab for treatment of a beneficiary with psoriasis, highlighted an article on the Jota website. Coverage, however, must take place from May 2022, when it joined the list of the National Supplementary Health Agency (ANS). This distinction occurs because the biological medicine was not on the list at the beginning of the process, in 2020. Therefore, it was not an obligation of the plan at the time. The scenario changed with the resolution that updated the list in 2022. "What I did in my vote: I established when this medicine should be provided by the health plan, which is Omint", said the rapporteur, Nancy Andrichi. With the decision, the minister partially accepted the appeal. "From May 6, 2022, the operator must pay for the supply of the medication risankizumab, prescribed by the attending physician for the treatment of the beneficiary. The date on which the change in resolution occurred is established", he added. [Read more.](#)

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHES TECHNICAL ADVISORY CHAMBER TO ADVISE ON THE REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL POLICY FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

The Ministry of Health published, in the Official Gazette of the Union this Wednesday (27), ordinance 16/2024, which establishes the Technical Advisory Chamber to provide consultancy and advice for the review of the National Policy for Comprehensive Attention to Women's Health. According to the published regulations, the chamber will be composed of the following departments of the Primary Health Care Secretariat: - Department of Comprehensive Care Management; - Department of Community Health Strategies and Policies; - Department of Prevention and Health Promotion; - Primary Care Management Support Department. Specialists, entities or ad hoc organizations may also be invited to participate in technical discussions, preparation of documents and guidance on related topics. [Read more.](#)

REPRESENTATIVES REQUEST REGULATION OF THE LAW THAT ESTABLISHES THE POLICY FOR NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Representatives Pedro Aihara (PRD-MG) and Dr. Frederico (PRD-MG) presented Indication 230/2024, which suggests the regulation and application of Law No. 14,758, of December 19, 2023, which Establishes the Policy National Cancer Prevention and Control within the scope of the Unified Health System (SUS) and the National Navigation Program for People Diagnosed with Cancer. [Read more.](#)

BILL INTENDS TO EXPAND THE LIST OF ENTITIES REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE THEIR MEDICINE STOCKS ON THE INTERNET

Representative Emanuel Pinheiro Neto (MDB-MT) presented Bill 937/2024, aiming to expand the list of entities required to disclose their stocks of medicines. The matter establishes that the distribution center units that carry out the storage, distribution or dispensing of medicines, as well as private pharmacies affiliated with or contracted by the SUS, must make their medicine stocks available on their respective electronic pages, updated fortnightly. [Read more.](#)

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