

WEEKLY REPORT

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THE AGING OF BRAZILIANS WILL REQUIRE R\$ 67 BILLION MORE FOR HEALTH IN 10 YEARS, SAYS TREASURY

The aging of the Brazilian population increases pressure for resources for health services by R\$67.2 billion between 2024 and 2034. The estimate, from the National Treasury Secretariat, is in the draft Budget Guidelines Law (PLDO) of 2025 -- sent in mid-April to the National Congress. According to the agency, this estimate is based on resource needs in two areas of budget expenditure: Pharmaceutical assistance, including the Farmácia Popular program; Medium and High Complexity Care -- which includes hospital and outpatient care. [Read more.](#)

TAX REFORM: WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR DOCTORS, DEVICES AND MEDICINES

The bill that regulates tax reform (PLP 68/2024) provides for a 60% and 100% reduction in CBS (Contribution on Goods and Services) and IBS (Tax on Goods and Services) for medicines, devices, and medical services. The Ministry of Finance divided the tax benefit into two groups listed in annexes to the proposal sent to the National Congress. The economic team says that the exemptions are greater than those currently granted through PIS/Cofins and ICMS, taxes that will cease to exist by 2033. [Read more.](#)

PUBLIC HEARING WILL DEBATE BILL ON REGULATING DRUG PRICES IN BRAZIL

The Health Committee approved, this Wednesday (15), request 132/2024, which proposes the holding of a public hearing to debate Bill 1732/2024, which proposes changes to the law that defines regulatory standards for the pharmaceutical sector and to the Medicines Market Regulation Chamber (CMED), to authorize positive or negative price adjustments. The debate was sponsored by representative Adriana Ventura (Novo-SP), author of the Bill. According to her, discussing this topic is crucial to expanding understanding on the subject, especially because loopholes in current legislation allow new medicines to be launched in the country with high prices. [Read more.](#)

BILL RECENTLY PASSED BY THE NATIONAL CONGRESS IS MENTIONED IN WEBINAR ABOUT ANVISA'S NEW REGULATORY FRAMEWORK ON CLINICAL TRIALS

This Thursday (16), Anvisa held a webinar presenting a new regulatory framework that deals with the regulations for carrying out clinical trials for the purpose of registering medicines in Brazil. When starting her presentation, Adriane Alves de Oliveira, from Anvisa's clinical research coordination, highlighted RDC 9/2015, which regulates the carrying out of clinical trials for the purpose of registering medicines in Brazil. She highlighted the need for more fluid and risk-focused regulation, in addition to greater alignment and harmonization of national regulations with international clinical research guidelines and standards, highlighting Bill 6007/2023, sponsored by former senator Ana Amélia (RS), about clinical trials. The deadline for sanctioning the bill is May 28th. [Read more.](#)

PARTICIPANTS OF PUBLIC HEARING IN THE FEDERAL SENATE SAY PROTECTION OF CLINICAL TRIAL DATA IS A RISK FOR GENERICS

In a public hearing of the Science and Technology Commission (CCT) on Wednesday afternoon (15), experts pointed out risks for the country with the possible regulatory protection of the

testing dossier (PRDT) for human medicines. The debaters expressed concern about the population's access to generic medicines, the decreasing participation of national pharmaceutical companies in the market and the increase in the price of medicines. The request was sponsored by senator Izalci Lucas (PL-DF), who coordinated the debate. According to the senator, from 2002 onwards, the PRDT for veterinary and agricultural products came into effect in Brazil (Law 10,603, of 2002), with products for human use being explicitly excluded. He points out that it is of fundamental importance for the Senate to discuss the consequences, impacts and benefits for patients, for the generic and innovative industries and for the Brazilian economy of adopting PRDT for pharmaceutical products for human use. "Who is going to make an investment if they can't put it into the price of the medicine? If there is no investment, there will be no product", asked Izalci, informing that there will be two more public hearings on the topic. [Read more.](#)

REPRESENTATIVE BEGINS COLLECTING SIGNATURES TO OPEN INVESTIGATION ON HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS

Representative Aureo Ribeiro (Solidariedade-RJ) is collecting signatures for the creation of a CPI (Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry) which proposes to investigate possible illegalities committed by health plans such as unjustified contract terminations and abusive readjustments of collective membership contracts. The start of collecting signatures was announced at a public hearing held last Wednesday (15) at the Consumer Protection Committee, of the Chamber of Deputies, to discuss the growing number of terminations of collective contracts, including the elderly, people undergoing treatment, children with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder), with rare syndromes and cerebral palsy. [Read more.](#)

HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES CANCEL COLLECTIVE CONTRACTS FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN AND THOSE WITH RARE DISEASES

The health plan operator Amil is canceling thousands of collective membership contracts, including those for children and young people with ASD (autism spectrum disorder), rare diseases and cerebral palsy, which has generated mobilizations and a new wave of lawsuits. The contracts expire on May 31st. In a notice sent to beneficiaries at the end of last month, Qualicorp, which manages the majority of these contracts, claims that they have generated accumulated losses for the operator, resulting in high rates of adjustments that were not enough to reverse the situation. [Read more.](#)

HEALTH COMMITTEE DEBATES THE BILL THAT ESTABLISHES THE NATIONAL HEALTH STRATEGY

This Tuesday (14), the Health Commission met and debated Bill 2583/2020, which intends to establish the National Health Strategy. The debate was requested by representative Clodoaldo Magalhães (PV-PE), rapporteur of the matter in the collegiate. [Read more.](#)

WORKING GROUP WILL MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE HEALTH ECONOMIC-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

In a deliberative meeting held this Wednesday (15), parliamentarians approved request 125/2024, which proposes the creation of a Working Group to monitor the implementation of the National Strategy for the Development of the Health Economic-Industrial Complex and the policy 'Nova Indústria Brasil', as well as the progress of the proposals contained in the report of the Health Economic-Industrial Complex Subcommittee. [Read more.](#)

PUBLIC HEARING WILL DEBATE BILL ON THE TREATMENT OF CLIMACTERIC AND MENOPAUSE BY THE SUS

The Social Affairs Committee of the Federal Senate approved, this Wednesday (15), request 49/2024, to hold a public hearing with the aim of debating Bill 3933/2023, which guarantees the treatment of climacteric and menopause by the Unified Health System and establishes National Awareness Week for menopausal or climacteric women. The debate was requested by the rapporteur of the proposal at the collegiate, senator Teresa Leitão (PT-PE). [Read more.](#)

PUBLIC HEARING DEBATES THE REGULATION OF THE NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL POLICY

This Wednesday (15), the Special Committee on Combating Cancer in Brazil of the House of Representatives held a public hearing to debate the regulation of the National Cancer Prevention and Control Policy within the scope of the Unified Health System. Health (SUS), with an emphasis on oncology research, HPV prevention and information technology as an ally. The hearing was chaired by representative Weliton Prado (Solidariedade-MG). [Read more.](#)

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