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PUBLIC CONSULTATION IS OPEN TO CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE INCORPORATION OF TREATMENT FOR CASTRATION-SENSITIVE AND METASTATIC PROSTATE CANCER IN THE SUS

The Secretariat of Science, Technology and Innovation and the Health Economic-Industrial Complex of the Ministry of Health published in the Official Gazette of the Union, this Thursday (23), the public consultation for a statement regarding the recommendation of the Commission's Medicines Committee National Council for the Incorporation of Technologies into the Unified Health System regarding the proposal to incorporate abiraterone, apalutamide, darolutamide and enzalutamide for the treatment of individuals with metastatic castration-sensitive prostate cancer (CPSCm), presented by the Secretariat of Science, Technology and Innovation and the Health Economic-Industrial Complex of the Ministry of Health. The material for consideration will be available at: www.gov.br/participamaisbrasil, from the date of publication. Contributions must be sent within 20 days, counting from the date of publication of this Public Consultation, exclusively through the aforementioned platform. [Read more.](#)

MINISTER OF HEALTH SAYS THAT FINANCING AND MANAGEMENT ARE MAJOR HEALTH CHALLENGES

The Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, said this Thursday (23), in Brasília, that financing and management are the sector's two biggest challenges. "It is important to have more financing for health and improve management. In Brazil, the distribution between public and private health expenditure differs from what happens in the world, in countries where there are public health systems – and no country has a universal system with the strength of the Unified Health System", he argued. When participating in a plenary session aimed at the federal government at the 25th March to Brasília in Defense of Municipalities, Nísia mentioned that, in 2021, the average public expenditure on health goods and services was 7.4% in countries of the Organization for Cooperation and Economic Development (OECD), against 2.3% of household expenses. [Read more.](#)

MINISTRY OF HEALTH SENDS PROPOSAL ON HEALTH JUDICIALIZATION TO THE SUPREME COURT

To reduce the impacts on the Unified Health System, the Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, delivered to the Minister of the Federal Supreme Court (STF), Gilmar Mendes, a proposal on judicialization in health. The document was created in conjunction with the National Council of Health Secretaries (Conass) and the National Council of Municipal Health Secretaries (Conasems). The agreement is based on the preservation of the principles of collective health, technological incorporation through the National Commission for the Incorporation of Technologies into the Unified Health System (Conitec) and mainly defines percentages related to reimbursement by the Union in legal demands. The proposal had been requested by Minister Gilmar Mendes and included tripartite joint work in defense of the SUS. "It is based on this understanding that judicialization must be the exception and, working with this tripartite spirit that forms the SUS, that we achieved this progress", stated Nísia. "This requires work, debates and studies on the impact of judicialization in recent years in relation to people's treatment, health outcomes and how we can improve the incorporation process itself and, on the other hand, how we can advance our production agenda location in Brazil and technological innovation", highlighted the minister during the meeting of the Tripartite Intermanagers Commission (CIT). [Read more.](#)

JUDICIALIZATION CONSUMED 30% TO 100% OF THE HEALTH BUDGET IN MORE THAN 250 BRAZILIAN CITIES

The number of lawsuits in the health field continues to rise. Between 2022 and 2023, there was an increase of 21.3%, according to the National Council of Justice (CNJ). The projection is for 685 thousand new shares by December 2024, which represents 20% more compared to the previous year. In the same way that it has been an increasingly common way to guarantee treatment, quality of life and the lives of patients, judicialization weighs increasingly heavily on public spending and the costs of supplementary healthcare. In 2020, at least 13 states and almost half of the 5,569 Brazilian municipalities committed up to 10% of their health budget to resolving judicial demands, as shown in the survey I carried out with colleagues from the Cabem Mais Vidas Institute, based on national data from the judiciary, DataJud. In 14% of states and 11% of municipalities, legal demands drained between 10% and 30% of the health budget. [Read more.](#)

PUBLIC HEARING DEBATES THE EXPANSION OF THE NEWBORN SCREENING TEST

This Wednesday (22), the Health Committee of the Chamber of Deputies held a public hearing to discuss the schedule for expanding the heel prick test. The debate was chaired and requested by deputy Rosangela Moro (União-SP). Initially, deputy Rosangela Moro (União-SP) highlighted in her speech the importance of debating the heel prick test, a crucial exam to identify many diseases early, preventing their progression and providing the necessary treatment, which reduces infant mortality. She highlighted that the expansion of the heel prick test should be treated as a priority by the Ministry of Health. [Read more.](#)

EXPERTS DIFFER ON REGULATORY PROTECTION OF DRUG TRIALS

During a public hearing promoted by the Science and Technology Commission (CCT) on Wednesday (22), experts disagreed on the regulatory protection of the testing dossier (PRDT) for human medicines. PRDT keeps the results of tests carried out by laboratories to arrive at a medicine confidential. While some debaters defended the justice of the measure, others pointed out that the PRDT could make it difficult for the population to access cheaper medicines and increase government spending on public health. The request for the hearing (REQ 27/2023) was sponsored by senator Izalci Lucas (PL-DF), who coordinated the debate. According to Izalci, the PRDT is a very complex topic, which requires an in-depth debate in Parliament. Hence the importance of public hearings on the subject. He said he recognized the importance of breaking patents, but said that this break could inhibit other companies from investing in research and development. [Read more.](#)

SALE OF GENERICS LEADS TRANSACTIONS IN PHARMACEUTICAL WHOLESALE

The sale of generics surpasses other classes of medicines and becomes the largest source of transactions in pharmaceutical wholesale. This is the case of the 19 distributors associated with the Integração Farma Network. The category reached the mark of 32% in sales representation, while commercial medicines recorded 30.8% of transactions. Private and exclusive brands complete the ranking, with 10.8% and 4% respectively. [Read more.](#)

25 YEARS OF MEDICINES REGULATION: CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLANNING THE FUTURE

Anvisa held this Tuesday (21/5) the event 25 years of Medicines Regulation: celebrating achievements and planning the future. The meeting, which was attended by several guests, Anvisa directors and employees and interested parties in general, highlighted the role played by the Agency in regulating medicines in Brazil. Several presentations and debates were made that demonstrated the Agency's transformative impact on Brazilian society. [Read more.](#)

GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES 20 HEALTH PLANS FOR UNILATERAL CONTRACT CANCELLATIONS

The Ministry of Justice and Public Security (MJSP), through the National Consumer Secretariat (Senacon), requested explanations from health plan operators regarding unilateral cancellations of contracts made in recent days. The measure comes in response to the significant number of complaints registered in Senacon's systems and the increase in Preliminary Investigation Notifications (NIPs) in the National Supplementary Health Agency (ANS) system. According to the National Consumer Secretary, Wadih Damous, the growing wave of unilateral cancellations of health plans is unacceptable, as it puts the lives and well-being of thousands of consumers at risk, especially those undergoing continuous treatment. "Senacon is committed to ensuring that healthcare providers respect consumer rights, providing transparency and security. We are taking rigorous measures to ensure that these abuses are curbed and that beneficiaries have their needs met with dignity and respect", defended Damous. [Read more.](#)

PUBLIC HEARING DEBATES RECENT CANCELLATIONS OF HEALTH PLANS

This Tuesday (21) a public hearing was held at the Commission for the Defense of the Rights of People with Disabilities of the Chamber of Deputies to debate the recent cancellations of corporate memberships by Amil. The hearing was chaired by deputy Erika Kokay (PT-DF). [Read more.](#)

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