

# WEEKLY REPORT

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## **IN LETTER, HEALTH INDUSTRY ASKS FOR HELP FOR ANVISA**

Eleven health industry associations signed a letter sent to President Lula on Thursday (25), asking for help for Anvisa (National Health Surveillance Agency), the leader of a business that generates around 20% of GDP. The group is calling for the restoration of the team of technicians, who promise to go on strike for 48 hours on the 31st. [Read more.](#)

## **VACCINATION AND PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE DOMINATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH PURCHASES**

A survey conducted by the Ministry of Health, sent to JOTA newspaper, shows that purchases destined for the National Immunization Program (PNI), especially at the height of the coronavirus pandemic, dominated the organization's largest purchases between January 2020 and the end of May 2024. In the sum of this period, the vaccine against Covid-19 was the product with the highest expenditure approved by the ministry, as it mobilized the approval of expenditure exceeding R\$7.6 billion: R\$694 million with the Butantan Institute and R\$7 billion with Pfizer. [Read more.](#)

## **HEALTH HIDES DATA FROM CONSULTANTS MORE THAN TWO MONTHS AFTER REPORT REVEALED LACK OF TRANSPARENCY**

More than two months after a report revealed that the Ministry of Health employs thousands of non-public employees, hired as scholarship holders and consultants, the ministry has still not provided transparency with this information. The list with names and salaries of the occupants of these positions, who also work in essential areas of the body, is kept confidential, even after the CGU (Comptroller General of the Union) determines the disclosure of the data within the scope of a process based on the Access Law to Information opened by Folha. [Read more.](#)

## **CENTER PARTIES WILL REQUEST MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO GUARANTEE LULA'S GOVERNABILITY IN THE SECOND HALF OF HIS TERM**

Center parties is already preparing to charge ministries with more resources after the municipal elections and the dispute in Congress, when the Lula government begins the second half of its term. Convinced that they will elect more mayors than the PT, parties such as the PP of the president of the Chamber, Arthur Lira (AL), will return to the charge for the Ministry of Health, which has a budget of R\$236.74 billion this year. In practice, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva will only have a "truce" until the election that will renew command of the Chamber and the Senate, in February 2025. Based on the new correlation of forces that emerge from the polls and Congress, Lula will be forced to redesign the team, take positions from the PT, and give more space to the center-right, to guarantee governability. [Read more.](#)

## **JUSTICE SUSPENDS DECISION THAT FORCED A MUNICIPALITY TO PAY FOR CANCER TREATMENT**

The president of the Federal Supreme Court (STF), minister Luís Roberto Barroso, suspended, given the risk of compromising the municipality's budget, last Friday (19/7) a decision by the Court of Justice of the State of Minas Gerais (TJMG) that forced the City of Jacutinga (MG) to pay for a high-cost medication for a patient with severe cancer. The minister considered that highly complex oncological treatment, at a cost of R\$468 thousand per year, is not the responsibility of the municipal entity — whose budget in 2024 is R\$370 thousand for basic

pharmacy and R\$500 thousand for the supply of medicines judicialized in previous years, according to the city hall. However, in order not to interrupt the beneficiary's treatment, Barroso determined that the municipality should continue to pay for the supply of Lorlatinib 100mg, the medication in question, until responsibility is assumed by the competent entity. The drug was incorporated by SUS in 2021 for the treatment of advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), positive for anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK+). [Read more.](#)

### **81% OF ADOLESCENTS IN BRAZIL HAVE TWO OR MORE RISK FACTORS FOR DISEASES SUCH AS CANCER**

The alarming proportion of 8 in 10 adolescents in Brazil have two or more risk factors for chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs), such as obesity, diabetes, heart problems and cancer. This is what a new study by researchers from the School of Nursing and the Faculty of Medicine of the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) and the Escola Paulista de Enfermagem of the Federal University of São Paulo (Unifesp) reveals. [Read more.](#)

### **HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS RECORD 1.9 BILLION MEDICAL PROCEDURES IN 2023, AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF 7.4%**

The National Supplementary Health Agency (ANS) reported on Monday (22) that health plans performed 1.9 billion medical procedures in 2023. According to the agency, the number represents an increase of 7.4% compared to the procedures performed in 2022, when 1.8 billion consultations, exams and surgeries were recorded throughout the country. According to the survey, the procedures most sought after by patients were medical consultations, which reached 275.3 million last year. Next are dental procedures (196.2 million) and hospitalizations (9.2 million). [Read more.](#)

### **NATIONAL MEETING ON RESEARCH ETHICS DEBATES CLINICAL TRIALS IN BRAZIL**

The 7th National Meeting on Research Ethics (Encep) was held on Monday (22) in Brasília, which discussed research involving human beings in Brazil. The event aimed to promote debates that contribute to the advancement and overcoming of challenges faced daily by Research Ethics Committees. The debate also included the Brazilian Genomes Program, a federal program whose main objective is to create a national database with 100,000 complete genomes of Brazilians. [Read more.](#)

### **DENGUE VACCINE IS ONCE AGAIN ADMINISTERED IN PHARMACIES AND LABORATORIES**

This week, the dengue vaccine was once again administered in the private health network. In February this year, the Japanese pharmaceutical company Takeda, responsible for producing the vaccine, limited the distribution of doses to pharmacies and laboratories to prioritize supply to the Unified Health System (SUS), amid the disease epidemic in Brazil. [Read more.](#)

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