

WEEKLY REPORT

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES R\$400 MILLION FOR DISEASE RESEARCH IN THE SUS

The Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, announced the investment of R\$400 million for health research this Wednesday (31). Most of the money will be used to study genetic diseases. The investment is part of the strategy to strengthen the SUS (Unified Health System). 9 public calls made by CNPq (National Council for Scientific and Technological Development) were also announced to conduct research. The priority areas were defined by the APPMS (Research Priorities Agenda of the Ministry of Health) together with the technical areas of the agency's secretariats. Each front will have 3 years to develop the research, with preliminary results expected from 2027. Here are the areas for calls and investments: Genomics and Precision Health – R\$100 million; Socially Determined Diseases – R\$40 million; Non-communicable Diseases and Conditions – R\$40 million; Pre-clinical research for the SUS – R\$32 million; Preventing and Combating Misinformation – R\$10 million; Health Surveillance Research (HIV, AIDS and Tuberculosis) – R\$6 million; Health Technology Assessment Studies – R\$2.9 million; Evaluation of Health Policies, Programs, Projects – R\$ 1 million; It is Evidence Synthesis – R\$1 million. The R\$400 million will be allocated by the end of the year. Immediately, R\$234 million will be released to carry out the 9 notices. The organization hopes to make new calls to invest the remaining R\$170 million in 2024. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL ESTIMATES DEFICIT OF R\$20 BILLION WITH IMPORTED PHARMACEUTICAL INPUTS

Data from the Ministry of Health indicate that more than 90% of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) currently used in Brazil to produce medicines are imported. Furthermore, only 50% of medical equipment is produced nationally. The estimated deficit is R\$20 billion. "We cannot have the reality we have today: a deficit in the trade balance of R\$20 billion, which means the second deficit in the trade balance", assessed the Minister of Science and Technology, Luciana Santos. "We have seen how harmful our dependence on this area of health is. We saw this during the covid-19 pandemic. We depend on respirators, which are equipment of medium complexity, and even masks, revealing how cruel the situation is," he said. [Read more.](#)

DESPITE BLOCKING IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET, GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES INVESTMENT IN HEALTH INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

The Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, announced this Wednesday (31/7) more than R\$400 million in investments to conduct health research. The announcement was made hours after the freezing of accounts in the folder was announced. In a decree published the night before, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) ordered the blocking of R\$15 billion, of which R\$4.4 billion will go to the Ministry of Health. The department was the most affected in the entire Esplanada. Questioned by JOTA, the minister stated that the way in which the blockade will be carried out has not yet been defined. The topic, according to her, will be discussed with other members of the government. [Read more.](#)

BRAZILIAN AI PLAN FORESEES R\$23 BILLION, SUPERCOMPUTER AND SYSTEM FOR THE SUS

The Ministry of Science and Technology foresees investments of R\$23 billion, until 2028, in the National Artificial Intelligence Plan, released this Tuesday (30). This plan will still be validated

by the Planalto Palace before coming into effect, reported O Globo. Transfers are foreseen to build a local infrastructure, including a 'supercomputer', and incentives for the Brazilian AI industry. The plan foresees R\$12.72 billion in credit (via BNDES, Finep and others), in addition to R\$8.47 billion in public spending, more than R\$1 billion in private investments. The plan was divided into five axes: infrastructure and development; dissemination, training, and qualification; improvement of public services; business innovation and support for the regulatory and governance process. The largest investment foreseen — R\$13.7 billion — will be in the business innovation sector. The goal is to 'structure a robust AI value chain in Brazil,' with programs to promote the sector. Several actions are also planned within the Unified Health System (SUS), such as a system to automate the transcription of teleconsultations and a tool to support decision-making in the purchase of medicines. [Read more.](#)

ANVISA LAUNCHES FORM FOR COMPLAINTS RELATED TO MEDICINES

Anvisa launched this Thursday (1) a system to receive reports of infractions related to the medicines market. Reports of overpricing practices in offers or sales of medicines in pharmacies and drugstores may be reported using a specific form. On the Anvisa website, it is possible to check the maximum prices for the sale of medicines. The initiative is part of the Medicines Market Regulation Chamber's strategies to allow anyone to report possible infractions in the sector in a standardized and faster way, different from the current model in which it is necessary to report via email. [Read more.](#)

ANVISA LAUNCHES NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR UNIQUE NUMBERING OF CONTROLLED MEDICINES

The National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) reported this Tuesday (30/7) that the National Prescription Control System (SNCR), a national online platform for numbering prescriptions for controlled medicines, is now in force. The new system is aimed at local health authorities, which will provide a unique number for the entire country, to be used in Prescription Notifications by those who prescribe controlled medicines. [Read more.](#)

HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS TRY TO MAINTAIN UNILATERAL CANCELLATION IN A BILL IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The health plans bill is expected to become one of the main discussions in the Chamber of Deputies after the parliamentary recess. The unilateral cancellation of collective contracts is the main point of controversy in the debate. The project's rapporteur, deputy Duarte Jr. (PSB-MA), said that unilateral cancellation by companies must end. On the other hand, operators seek to ensure the maintenance of the clause, arguing that it is crucial for the companies' economic sustainability. [Read more.](#)

SENAÇON ASKS OPERATORS FOR MORE CLARIFICATION ON CANCELING PLANS

Senacon (National Consumer Secretariat), of the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, requested additional clarifications from 17 operators and four health associations regarding the unilateral cancellation of plans. The first information was requested in May, before the verbal agreement signed by the president of the House of Representatives, Arthur Lira (PP -AL), and health plans to suspend the unilateral cancellation of contracts. The investigation was initiated due to the significant increase in complaints registered through government channels. [Read more.](#)

OROPOUCHE ADVANCES AND REACHES 21 STATES IN BRAZIL, SAYS MINISTRY OF HEALTH

At least 7,286 cases of oropouche fever affect 21 Brazilian states, the Ministry of Health said in a statement this Friday (2). Until last week, there were 16 states. Most cases were registered in Amazonas (3,224), Rondônia (1,709) and Bahia (831), according to the latest update from the ministry's database last Sunday (28). The states with the fewest cases are Tocantins (2), Sergipe (2), São Paulo (2) and Paraíba (1). A death in Santa Catarina is under investigation. On July 25, the ministry confirmed the first two deaths from the disease in the world, which

occurred in Bahia. The cases are of women from the interior under 30 years of age, without comorbidities, but who had signs and symptoms like severe dengue fever. [Read more](#).

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