

# WEEKLY REPORT

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## **REGULATORY AGENCIES PLAN TOTAL STRIKE WITH POSSIBLE COST OF R\$2.4 BILLION IN THREE MONTHS**

Union leaders from regulatory agencies, such as Anvisa, are preparing to go on strike for an indefinite period if they do not reach an understanding with the Lula government. In addition to salary recovery, they demand from the Ministry of Management and Innovation (MGI) a plan to restructure the bodies, with an increase in the budget and competition plans for new employees. The next negotiation table will be on August 13th. When contacted, MGI did not return. According to an estimate by the National Confederation of Commerce of Goods, Services and Tourism, based on the agency's history of stoppages over the last 20 years, a stoppage of these services for 30 days would result in a gradual impact on economic activity that could reach R\$ 2.43 billion. The last adjustment proposal presented by the MGI was up to 21.4% for career positions and up to 13.4% for the Special Position Plan (PEC), in two installments, one in January 2025 and the other in April 2026. The category requests an adjustment of 45.35%, claiming the need to replace inflation for the period between January 2017 and June 2024. Given the impasse, there was a 48-hour strike last week. [Read more.](#)

## **PUBLIC HEARING MAY DISCUSS THE SITUATION OF EMPLOYEES OF REGULATORY AGENCIES**

The Economic Development Committee (CDE) of the House of Representatives may vote the request 51/2024, which proposes holding a public hearing to discuss the situation of employees of Regulatory Agencies and the risks to economic regulation in Brazil. The proponent of the debate, congressman Julio Lopes (PP-RJ), explained that since 2008, Regulatory Agencies have lost 3,800 employees, which is equivalent to 1 employee per business day, to other public exams, private initiative, and retirements. This scenario harms the quality and efficiency of the service provided to society. Therefore, he emphasized that the public hearing will be a space to propose new ideas and strategies that can optimize the use of resources, ensuring greater return and benefit for the population. [Read more.](#)

## **ANVISA ISSUES WARNING ABOUT THE INCREASE IN REJECTIONS OF DRUG REGISTRATION REQUESTS**

The National Health Surveillance Agency has published a warning on its website about the rejections of drug registration requests. Anvisa's technical areas have identified deviations in registration requests in relation to the criteria of the Collegiate Board Resolution (RDC) 749/2022 and the screening of requests for the Letter of Adequacy of the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient Dossier. Both processes have directly impacted the increase in rejections of registration requests in Brazil. [Read more.](#)

## **SOLEMN SESSION HONORS ANVISA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

The House of Representatives held a ceremonial session on Thursday (8) in honor of Anvisa's 25th anniversary. The event was requested and chaired by Congressman Reinhold Stephanes (PSD-PR). [Read more.](#)

## **MINISTRY OF HEALTH WILL HAVE R\$1 BILLION CONTINGENCY AND R\$3.4 BILLION BLOCKED**

The cut of R\$4.4 billion in the Ministry of Health 's budget should preserve as much as possible the policies and programs started from 2023, according to a source from the ministry to JOTA

about the strategy to be adopted. In this way, R\$3.4 billion in expenses for funding the ministry and the Growth Acceleration Program (PAC) will be blocked. The remaining R\$1 billion will be contingency — the possible execution of these expenses in the coming months is directly related to the increase in revenue, such as compensation for the payroll tax relief. [Read more.](#)

### **FARMÁCIA POPULAR IS THE PROGRAM MOST AFFECTED BY THE LULA GOVERNMENT'S SPENDING CUTS**

The Farmácia Popular program, which provides free medicines to the poorest population, was the action most affected by the spending freeze decreed by the government of President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), with R\$1.7 billion blocked in the Budget of the Union. The government promoted spending containment worth R\$15 billion to comply with fiscal rules this year. The ministries were responsible for defining which areas will be affected. There are no guarantees that the money will come back. The resources will only be unfrozen if the accounts are up to date again, which is not the current scenario. The Executive asked Congress for authorization to cancel the blocked resources once and for all. [Read more.](#)

### **LULA SEEKS 'BRAND' TO MAKE NÍSIA VISIBLE AND POPULAR**

After the turbulence faced in recent months, with the Centrão's offensive for her position, an unprecedented dengue epidemic and the public demand from President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, the Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, is experiencing a phase of redemption with the Planalto Palace. Under Lula's guidance, "Nísia 2.0" is seeking a brand that will make her popular and give visibility to the positive data of her administration. With the informal consultancy of the president's marketing expert, the publicist Sidônio Palmeira, and of advisors and marketing professionals, the initial idea is to add the "concept of family" to her image, through one of the ministry's policies. Internal surveys have shown that the program with the greatest adherence among the population, in all income brackets, is Farmácia Popular, which offers free medicines in the accredited network. [Read more.](#)

### **NÍSIA TRINDADE: 'I KNOW THE CRITICISM AND STARTED MEETING MORE WITH PARTY LEADERS'**

After resisting pressure from parties and opening the doors of her office to leaders, parliamentarians, mayors and governors, the Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, recognizes that she is experiencing a new moment at Esplanada. By surpassing the average of her predecessors in the department, of one and a half years in office, she says she has intensified her agenda with politicians, paying more attention to demands and reducing the pressure on her position: the "goal is to accompany Lula until the end of this term". Focused on the G20 summit, which takes place in October in Rio, Nísia says there will be a plan for the use of Artificial Intelligence in health systems. [Read more.](#)

### **LULA SANCTIONS LAW THAT AUTHORIZES FUND TO SUBSIDIZE CREDIT FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SECURITY PROJECTS**

President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) sanctioned the law that authorizes the government to create the Social Infrastructure Investment Fund, Fiis, with the aim of facilitating the financing of projects in the areas of health, education, and public security. The instrument allows the National Treasury to raise resources in the market to finance projects within the objectives of the new fund, at market or subsidized rates. The law is only authorizing, but the creation of Fiis has already been discussed in the Executive since 2023. The text was published in an extra edition of the Official Gazette of the Union last Friday (2). [Read more.](#)

### **MINISTRY OF HEALTH INVESTS R\$2.9 MILLION IN RESEARCH INTO HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT**

The Ministry of Health announced the allocation of 2.9 million reais in research in the area of Health Technology Assessment (ATS). The public call was opened in partnership with the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq). Studies will be covered on two thematic axes: the first for the development and improvement of innovative methods

and applications in the area of HTA in the country and the second for the production of scientific, technological, and innovative studies in the line of HTA for ultra-rare diseases. Registration can be made until September 2nd, on the official CNPq page. The launch of the notice took place during the second day of activities of the 5th National Science, Technology & Innovation Conference (5th CNCT&I). Other calls were also opened, with the aim of promoting research, development and innovation activities in health, in addition to implementing and recovering institutional infrastructures for science, technology and innovation, in strategic and priority themes for the Unified Health System (SUS). [Read more.](#)

### **JUDICIALIZATION OF HEALTH MAKES PLANS MORE EXPENSIVE AND COULD LEAD TO THEM COLLAPSING, SAYS MEMBER OF STJ**

One of the ways to resolve conflicts between health plans and their users is when they take their cases to court. This is the so-called judicialization of health. However, 78% of Brazilians do not know what the term means, according to the X-Ray of Supplementary Health in Brazil, compiled by the Institute for Social, Political and Economic Research (Ipespe) in conjunction with FGV Justiça. According to the minister of the Supreme Court of Justice (STJ) Antonio Saldanha Palheiro, who is coordinator of the health research line at FGV Justiça, the volume of cases against health plans is one of the reasons that leads to higher monthly fees. [Read more.](#)

### **'THERE IS NO ENVIRONMENT FOR THIS CHANGE OF DIRECTION', SAYS ANS PRESIDENT ABOUT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN WITH ONLY CONSULTATIONS AND EXAMS**

The creation of a health insurance plan that does not provide the right to hospitalization or therapies, that is, only with consultations and exams, has been the subject of an increasingly intense debate in Congress. The rapporteur of the bill that aims to modernize the law that regulates the sector, Congressman Duarte Jr., resists including this model in the report. After that, it was said that the change of rapporteur would be under discussion and the controversy remains. Behind the scenes, there is still talk that the inclusion of this format in the new law would have been agreed with the president of the Chamber, Arthur Lira, when health insurance companies signed an agreement to stop suspending consumer contracts, after a flood of complaints. Paulo Rebello, president of the National Supplementary Health Agency (ANS), has spoken with Lira, but claims that the president of the Chamber never defended this new health insurance model in the meetings he attended. In his view, there is no possibility whatsoever of implementing a health plan without hospitalization and therapies at this time. [Read more.](#)

### **SENATOR IZALCI PRESENTS WORK PLAN ON TAX REFORM REGULATION**

Senator Izalci Lucas (PL-DF), coordinator of the working group that analyzes the regulation of tax reform, presented an activity plan this Tuesday (6). Formed by members of the Economic Affairs Committee (CAE), the committee must hold at least 11 public hearings before the presentation of the final report, scheduled for October 22. [Read more.](#)

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