

WEEKLY REPORT

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GOVERNMENT PRESENTS NEW PROPOSAL AND OFFERS 27% ADJUSTMENT FOR EMPLOYEES OF REGULATORY AGENCIES

The new meeting between the Ministry of Management and Innovation in Public Services (MGI) and employees from regulatory agencies ended this Wednesday, 15th, with the proposal for a salary adjustment of 27% for the general career and 15%, 5% for employees of the so-called Special Career Plan (PEC). The first group reaches 8.8 thousand servers and the second approximately 2.5 thousand. An assembly will still deliberate on the Executive's new proposal. Earlier, the Minister of Management, Esther Dweck, stated that the civil service categories that are negotiating adjustments must close the agreements this week - otherwise, they will be left out of the Annual Budget Bill (PLOA). In other words, there is no guarantee of an adjustment in 2025. The earnings for agency employees will be divided into two installments: the first in 2025 and the second in 2026. In 2023, the government has already increased the salary bill for all federal employees, by 9%. [Read more.](#)

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION OF EMPLOYEES OF REGULATORY AGENCIES

The Economic Development Commission (CDE) approved, this Wednesday (14), the request for a public hearing to discuss the situation of employees of Regulatory Agencies, the risks to economic regulation in Brazil, the collection of Regulatory Agencies, the surplus of their own funds and the best use of the resources collected to ensure efficient regulation through investments in personnel and structure. On the occasion, Congresswoman Eliza Virgínia (PP-PB) included among the guests the president of the National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa), Antônio Barra Torres. [Read more.](#)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES INVESTMENTS FOR THE NEW INDUSTRY BRAZIL

In a ceremony at the Planalto Palace, this Wednesday (14), President Lula, the Vice President and Minister of Development, Industry, Commerce and Services (MDIC), Geraldo Alckmin, and the Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, announced together with the productive sector new investments for the New Industry Brazil (NIB). During the event, the National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES) announced an increase of R\$ 42.7 billion for the More Production Plan (P+P), which is coordinated and finances industrial policy. With this, the total resources made available to NIB now amount to R\$342.7 billion, with resources from BNDES, Finep and the Brazilian Company for Industrial Research and Innovation (Embrapii), and reinforcement of credit lines from Banco do Nordeste/BNB (R\$16.7 billion) and Banco da Amazônia/Basa (R\$14.4 billion), giving NIB greater capillarity and regional diversity. On the occasion, six investment contracts were signed between BNDES, FEP, EMS, Aché, Bionovis and Eurofarma for mission 2 of the New Industry Brazil (NIB), with the objective of boosting investments in the Health Industrial Economic Complex (CEIS) and increasing national production in this sector. Investments totaled R\$39.5 billion, of which R\$33.5 billion (2024-2026) will come from Grupo FarmaBrasil, Interfarma and Sindusfarma. Another R\$6 billion will be allocated to the Health Biotechnology Industrial Complex (CIBS/Santa Cruz and Fiocruz) to expand the supply of vaccines and biopharmaceuticals from Fiocruz, with an estimated production of 120 million vials per year for the SUS. [Read more.](#)

ANALYSIS - IS ANYTHING NEW ABOUT PDP REGULATIONS REALLY NEW?

On June 21 of this year, the Ministry of Health published the new regulation of the Partnerships for Productive Development Program (PDPs), Ordinance GM/MS 4,472/2024. Despite having been the subject of Public Consultation 54/23 for 74 days, when it received 1,265 contributions, the announcement about the publication of the new regulation during the plenary meeting of the Executive Group of the Health Economic-Industrial Complex on 6/18/24 – scheduled for 3 days later –, it surprised the market, which expected to debate the new proposal once again. A new round of debates, for example, in a public hearing, could have resolved some of the new issues, or those that already existed in the old regulation, and which remain even with the new ordinance. [Read more.](#)

BRAZILIANS WILL SPEND MORE THAN R\$450 BILLION ON HEALTH

The health sector should generate around R\$451 billion in the country by the end of this year, which represents an increase of 8.8% compared to 2023. This is what the IPC Maps Survey, specialized in the consumption potential of Brazilians for 30 years, based on official data. In the calculations above, expenses with medicines and dressing items are considered, as well as goods and services related to health plans and medical and dental treatments. According to the survey, Brazilians must spend R\$236.4 billion on health plans and dental treatments alone, and R\$214.5 billion on medicines in 2024. [Read more.](#)

BIG DRUGSTORES ARE EXPECTED TO REACH R\$100 BILLION IN SALES

Big drugstores in the country seem like a business outside the current scenario of Brazilian commerce. This year, the 29 companies associated with Abrafarma, the main organization in the sector, are projecting to surpass R\$100 billion in gross sales. In five years, retailers will have almost doubled in size (see table above), at a faster pace than even food wholesale, a segment that grows based on low prices in times of crisis. [Read more.](#)

GENERIC, REFERENCE OR SIMILAR: UNDERSTAND DIFFERENCES AND SEE A LIST OF BEST-SELLING MEDICINES

The generic medicines policy in Brazil, established in 1999, promoted a profound change in the public health panorama in the country. Data from the Brazilian Association of Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Industries (PróGenéricos) indicate that: - 85% of the medicines in the Farmácia Popular program are generic; - 79% of consumers buy or have already purchased generic medicines; - 38% of medicines sold in the country are generic; - Prices are generally 35% lower compared to reference prices. [Read more.](#)

US CDC WARNS OF OROPOUCHE VIRUS SPREAD IN AMERICAS REGION

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a health alert on Friday to notify clinicians and public health authorities of an increase in Oropouche virus disease in the Americas region, which has caused two deaths so far this year. Oropouche virus spreads through the bites of infected midges (small flies) and mosquitoes. Symptoms of the disease include headache, fever, and muscle aches, with severe cases resulting in meningitis. Between Jan. 1 and Aug. 1, more than 8,000 cases of the disease were reported, including the two deaths and five cases of vertical transmission where the virus transfers from parent to fetus during pregnancy, the CDC said. Currently, there are no specific treatments or vaccines available for the disease. Countries reporting cases include Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia and Cuba, the CDC said, adding that travel-associated cases have been identified in the United States and Europe in people returning from Cuba and Brazil. [Read more.](#)

COMMITTEE PASSES BILL THAT CREATES THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF RESEARCH ON EXPERIMENTAL DRUGS FOR THE TREATMENT OF CANCER

In a deliberative meeting held this Wednesday (14), the Health Committee of the Chamber of Deputies approved Bill 18/2023, which proposes an amendment to the Law that instituted the National Policy for the Prevention and Control of Cancer in the Unified Health System (SUS), to create the National Registry of Research on Experimental Drugs for the Treatment of Cancer – National Cancer Fighting Bank. [Read more.](#)

COMMITTEE PASSES BILL THAT ALLOCATES RESOURCES FOR THE PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF CANCER

The Health Committee of the Chamber of Deputies approved the favorable opinion of deputy Flávia Morais (PDT-GO) to Bill 2513/2023, which aims to allocate resources for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer. Authored by deputies Weliton Prado (Solidariedade-MG) and Silvia Cristina (PL-RO), the proposal aims to allocate part of the resources from the application of penalties resulting from health violations to oncology actions, in addition to directing these resources to the future National Fund to Combat Cancer, if it is created. [Read more.](#)

DAMAGE CAUSED BY ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES DOMINATES CANCER PREVENTION SESSION

Faced with the current challenge of increasing consumption and clandestine marketing of electronic cigarettes in the country, parliamentarians and experts who participated this Tuesday (13) in a thematic session in the Senate to debate public policies regarding lung cancer defended preventive actions with a strong impact. The estimate is that for every R\$1 spent on prevention, R\$4 will be saved on treating the disease. First signatory of the request for a thematic session and president of the Parliamentary Front for Medicine of the National Congress, senator Dr. Hiran (PP-RR), who chaired the meeting, said that despite being against smoking, he is in favor of the approval of PL 5,008 /2023 , which regulates the production, marketing, inspection and advertising of electronic cigarettes in Brazil. [Read more.](#)

BILLION-DOLLAR PURCHASE DRAGS ON AND REDUCES SUS IMMUNOGLOBULIN STOCK

A billion-dollar dispute that has been going on since December 2022 has destroyed the Ministry of Health 's immunoglobulin stock. Made from human blood, the substance is used to improve patients' immunity. The ministry stored around 50 thousand vials in May, a volume that corresponds to the demand for around 30 days in the SUS (Unified Health System). In a technical note signed the following month, the department warned that it would practically run out of stock from July onwards, seriously affecting the health of users and causing "even a risk of death", according to the organization. [Read more.](#)

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