

# WEEKLY REPORT

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## **EXECUTIVE GROUP OF THE HEALTH ECONOMIC-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX PRESENTS SCHEDULE OF THE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS FOR PRODUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT (PDP) AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION (PDIL)**

The Executive Group of the Health Economic-Industrial Complex (Geceis) held a Plenary Meeting on Tuesday (18). On the occasion, the reconstruction of the regulatory framework for the Partnership Programs for Productive Development (PDP) and Local Development and Innovation (PDIL) was presented. Carlos Gadelha, Secretary of Science, Technology, Innovation and Health Complex of the Ministry of Health, presented a schedule in relation to the two programs, where the publication of the ordinances will take place until June 21st; the availability of the form for submitting proposals on the Ministry of Health website until June 24th; and the deadline for receiving proposals will be up to 90 days. In his speech, he also detailed that some strategic areas will receive special attention in prioritizing analyses, including: preparation for health emergencies (such as dengue fever); contribution to the More Access to Specialists Program and the National Queue Reduction Program (oncology, cardiology, orthopedics and ophthalmology); products with structural risk of shortages; and digital health, information and connectivity. [Read more.](#)

## **AT A MERCOSUR MEETING, BRAZIL DEFENDS REGIONAL PRODUCTION AND NEW HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES**

For two days, the city of Asunción, in Paraguay, hosted the 54th Meeting of the Ministers of Health of Mercosur and Associated States. On that occasion, cooperation agreements were signed for greater alignment between foreign trade policy and industrial policy, with a focus on greater preparedness for public health emergencies and the expansion of local and regional production among member countries. The need to expand mental health care and the impacts of climate change on health were themes present in the speeches of all delegations. The Minister of Health, Nísia Trindade, focused on assistance actions for the population of Rio Grande do Sul, after an emergency caused by heavy rains and consequent floods throughout the state. The Brazilian delegation at the Meeting of Mercosur Health Ministers was represented by the Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation and the Health Economic-Industrial Complex, Carlos Gadelha. In total, seven cooperation agreements were signed. [Read more.](#)

## **MINISTRY OF HEALTH PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE RESOLUTION THAT ADJUSTS MAXIMUM DRUG PRICES BY UP TO 4.5%**

The Ministry of Health responded, through letter 915/2024, to request 852/2024, which requested information from the Minister of Health, regarding the decision taken by the Medicines Market Regulation Chamber (CMED), to increase the prices of medicines by up to 4.5% throughout Brazil. The Ministry of Health assesses that the current regulatory model satisfies the need to avoid shortages and maintain market balance, reducing potential risks. However, improvements can always be considered to improve the current regulatory design. [Read more.](#)

## **NATIONAL COMPANIES DOMINATE 72% OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL MARKET IN UNITS**

The participation of national pharmaceutical industries in the Brazilian pharmaceutical market has shown constant growth since 2002 compared to multinational companies. This evolution occurs due to sales of generic medicines, incentives for local production, appropriate public

policies, and also innovation and technology that enable research to be conducted in Brazil. According to indicators from IQVIA / ALANAC, laboratories with national capital participate in 72% of the Brazilian pharmaceutical market, in units. From 2002 to 2024, this evolution in values increased by more than 63%. Data also reveals that among the top 20 in the retail market in units, 13 are national laboratories. [Read more.](#)

### **TAX ON PURCHASES CAN MAKE IMPORTED DRUGS MORE EXPENSIVE**

The charge of at least 20% Import Tax on international purchases, approved by Congress and awaiting sanction by President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), targeted competition from “blouses”, electronic products and Asian toys sold by the e-commerce, but it can also make medicines imported by individuals undergoing treatment in Brazil, which are currently exempt from the tax, more expensive. [Read more.](#)

### **'WE RESERVE THE LARGEST POSSIBLE QUANTITY OF DENGUE VACCINES FOR BRAZIL, IT IS THE MOST CRITICAL COUNTRY', SAYS PRESIDENT OF TAKEDA**

In an interview with Globo, José Manuel Caamaño, president of Takeda in Brazil, talks about the process of incorporating the vaccine into the public network, the target of criticism due to an alleged delay by the Brazilian government and the quantity of only 6.6 million doses planned for this year. [Read more.](#)

### **WHO ISSUES WARNINGS ON FAKE COPIES OF NOVO NORDISK'S WEIGHT-LOSS DRUGS**

The World Health Organization on Thursday issued warnings on fake drugs claiming to contain the active ingredient found in Novo Nordisk's (NOVOB.CO), opens new tab diabetes drug Ozempic and weight-loss treatment Wegovy. Surging demand has outpaced supply for Ozempic, Eli Lilly's (LLY.N), opens new tab Mounjaro and other GLP-1 drugs that promote weight loss, fueling a growing global market for counterfeit versions. The WHO's alert addresses three falsified batches of semaglutide that were detected in Brazil and the UK in October 2023, and the United States in December 2023. [Read more.](#)

### **MINISTRY OF HEALTH PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE INCORPORATION OF CANCER TREATMENTS INTO THE SUS**

The Ministry of Health provided information, through letter 913/2024, about application 1143/2024, presented by deputy Dr. Frederico (PRD-MG), regarding the situation of the incorporation of antineoplastic drugs for the treatment of cancers in the System Unified Health System (SUS). As requested by the parliamentarian, the department presented a list of technologies incorporated into the SUS since 2019, aimed at treating cancer, with a link to access the Recommendation Reports issued by Conitec. The report presents a total of 12 new treatments, including the date of incorporation and the recommendation report. [Read more.](#)

### **DEBATERS CALL FOR HASTE IN THE AVAILABILITY OF BREAST CANCER DRUGS IN THE SUS**

Experts consulted by the Health Committee of the Chamber of Deputies denounced that efficient medicines against breast cancer are not being made available in time by the Unified Health System (SUS). According to statements, sick women are unassisted and can die due to lack of these medications. Representatives from the state and federal governments say that a new policy is under analysis and should improve the situation. [Read more.](#)

### **CANCER: RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR FASTER DIAGNOSIS**

A cancer diagnosis changes a person's life and that of everyone around them. This reality is challenging. However, other obstacles make the journey of cancer patients in Brazil even more arduous, as shown by recent research carried out with the support of pharmaceutical company Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS). The survey interviewed 300 men and women, between 18 and 55 years old, from all social classes, undergoing treatment by the public health system, from 2021 to 2023. Among the highlights, it identified the following points: 33% of respondents face a

wait of up to two years from the first symptoms to the discovery of cancer; 95% of patients see up to 4 different specialists before reaching a diagnosis. The data emphasizes the need for a faster diagnosis, as well as increased agility in scheduling appointments and easier access to exams to increase the chances of successful treatment. [Read more.](#)

### **MINISTRY OF HEALTH ESTIMATES THAT END OF CONSTITUTIONAL FLOOR WOULD HAVE A SIMILAR IMPACT TO THE SPENDING CAP**

The Ministry of Health conducts calculations to show the economic team what the loss of resources from the department over the years will be in the event of the separation of the area's constitutional floor, Folha de S. Paulo reported. The preliminary conclusion is that the impact would be similar to that of the spending cap, replaced last year by the fiscal framework. In 2024, the constitutional minimums for Health and Education were once again linked to revenue — that for Health is equivalent to 15% of current net revenue. Folha showed that the economic team is considering limiting the real growth of the floor to the same 2.5% predicted in the framework. In the opinion of members of the ministry, this would radically alter the health budget, with a significant annual comparative impact and equivalent to restoring the health spending cap. [Read more.](#)

### **MORE HIGHLIGHTS**

[Senator Izalci Lucas presents an amendment to the bill that defines rules to accelerate patent applications to the INPI](#)

[Approved new version for the bill that guarantees coverage of home oral treatments for rare diseases](#)

[Brazil advances in women's health: new test for HPV can save lives](#)

### **BRAZIL NEWS**

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