

# WEEKLY REPORT



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## **CMED RELEASES REPORT ABOUT CONSULTATION ON PRICING OF ADVANCED THERAPY PRODUCTS**

The Executive Secretariat of the Chamber for the Regulation of the Medicines Market (SCMED) has made available the consolidated Report of the Directed Consultation on Pricing Criteria for Advanced Therapy Products (PTA) ([Access the Report](#)). The initiative aimed to hear representatives from various sectors of society, such as industry, academia, public institutions, researchers, health professionals and interested citizens, on relevant aspects for defining regulatory guidelines aimed at pricing products such as gene and cell therapies – innovative technologies used in the treatment of various diseases. The report presents a summary of the contributions received, as well as the profile of the participants, and represents a fundamental step towards deepening the technical and regulatory debate on the topic within the scope of the Chamber for Regulation of the Medicines Market (CMED). With the conclusion of the contributions receipt phase, the material will now be analyzed by CMED, which will continue the technical evaluation of the proposals and recommendations presented. [Read more.](#)

## **PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN THE SUS IS AN OUTDATED DEBATE AND PATIENTS WANT CARE, NO MATTER WHERE, SAYS ALEXANDRE PADILHA**

Health Minister Alexandre Padilha (PT), 53, says that the debate over hiring private hospitals to work in the SUS (Unified Health System) has been overcome. The measure, now driven by the Agora Tem Especialistas program, is necessary to reduce waiting lists for care in the public network, according to the minister. "This is not the first time and certainly will not be the last that private resources have been used to guarantee care for people who need it most in the public sector. The Farmácia Popular program is an example of this. We have overcome this debate in the past," Padilha told Folha. "Those who are waiting for specialized care do not care whether they will be treated in a state, philanthropic or private hospital. They want to be treated." [Read more.](#)

## **HEALTH MINISTER ASKS FOR SUPPORT FOR PROVISIONAL MEASURE THAT EXPANDS SPECIALIZED CARE IN THE SUS**

The Minister of Health, Alexandre Padilha, asked this Wednesday (11), in a debate in the Chamber of Deputies, for support for the approval of Provisional Measure 1301/25, which creates the Now There Are Specialists Program in the Unified Health System (SUS). This program seeks to speed up the provision of care to SUS patients by specialist doctors. There are ten actions, such as the accreditation of private institutions and the exchange of hospital and health plan debts for public services. According to Alexandre Padilha, the debts of philanthropic hospitals with the Union total R\$80 billion, and health plans owe R\$9 billion corresponding to reimbursements for services provided by the SUS to clients of these companies. "If these debts are paid one day, the money will not go to healthcare," explained the minister. "The provisional measure allows the balance to be exchanged for surgeries and exams for patients waiting in line for the SUS. The National Congress will be able to improve it and include issues," he said. [Read more.](#)

## **PARLIAMENTARIANS PRESENT 111 AMENDMENTS TO THE PROVISIONAL MEASURE ON SPECIALIZED HEALTHCARE IN THE SUS**

Deputies and senators presented, until Monday afternoon (9/6), 111 amendments to Provisional Measure (MP) 1301, of May 30, 2025, which defines the rules of the Agora Tem Especialistas program, launched by the Ministry of Health at the end of May this year. As JOTA PRO Saúde reported in its column "Behind the Scenes of Health", sent last Friday (6/6), one of the parliamentarians who defend changes to the project is deputy Duarte Júnior (PSB-MA). He presented more than 20 amendments, including the request to create a financial ceiling for the exchange of debts between health plans for services to be provided to the Unified Health System (SUS). [Read more.](#)

## **HEALTH DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM ON SPECIALIZED HEALTHCARE**

The Ministry of Health published, this Monday (9), Ordinance GM/MS nº 7.061, which recognizes the situation of public health emergency throughout the country, for a period of two years. The measure, motivated by the long waiting time for specialized care in the Unified Health System (SUS), allows the immediate adoption, by federal structures, states and municipalities, of the actions foreseen in the Agora Tem Especialistas program, which aims to expand access and reduce the population's waiting time for consultations, exams and surgeries, accelerating the diagnosis of diseases such as cancer. [Read more.](#)

## **SENATE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS GAPS IN LULA'S MAIN HEALTH PROGRAM**

A technical report from the Senate's budget consultancy pointed out gaps in the provisional measure that creates the Agora Tem Especialistas program, the Lula government's (PT) main bet to establish a strong brand in healthcare. The opinion, completed on June 5, states that the text lacks goals, objectives, and budgetary impact studies, after analyzing its compatibility with Fiscal Responsibility Law (LRF) and other financial regulations. The provisional measure has immediate effect but still needs to be approved by Congress to become permanent law. The Health Ministry says that the preparation of a technical note is a standard procedure and that the details will be regulated. [Read more.](#)

## **WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH PLANS IS GROWING, AND THE INCREASE POSES NEW CHALLENGES TO THE SECTOR**

Women's participation in health plans has reached the highest level ever recorded in the history of supplementary health. There are 27.6 million beneficiaries, equivalent to 53% of the 52.3 million members, according to data from April 2025. The analysis is from IESS (Institute of Supplementary Health Studies) based on figures from ANS (National Supplementary Health Agency). Compared to the previous peak, recorded in 2014, when there were 26.6 million beneficiaries, the current number represents an increase of 1 million female beneficiaries. Between 2020 and 2025, the number of women with medical and hospital plans grew by 9.2%, with emphasis on the groups aged 45 to 49 (+27.6%), 75 to 79 (+24.4%) and 40 to 44 (+21.9%). [Read more.](#)

## **UNITEDHEALTH EYES \$1 BILLION DEAL TO EXIT LATIN AMERICA AS INSURER REFOCUSSES ON US, SOURCES SAY**

UnitedHealth Group (UNH.N), opens new tab is weighing multiple bids for its Latin American operations, according to two people with direct knowledge of the matter, as the insurer buckles down after a series of unprecedented missteps that include the ouster of its CEO and a reported criminal accounting probe. The largest U.S. health insurer has been trying since 2022 to exit Latin America, where it has lost more than \$8 billion. But the sales of Banmedica have taken on increasing urgency in recent months as the insurer took hits on multiple fronts, according to one of the people. [Read more.](#)

## **CAS CREATES SUBCOMMITTEE TO ANALYZE CANCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACTIONS**

The Social Affairs Committee (CAS) will have a temporary subcommittee to discuss cancer prevention and treatment measures. A request for this purpose (REQ 54/2025 - CAS), from

Senator Dr. Eudócia (PL-AL), was approved by the committee this Wednesday (11). The subcommittee will aim to debate, assess, and draft bills on regulation, financing, development and incorporation of therapies, vaccines and high-cost medicines for the prevention or treatment of different types of cancer. In her request, Dr. Eudócia asks that the proposals on the topic already being processed in the Senate be forwarded to the subcommittee. [Read more.](#)

### **MINISTRY OF HEALTH WANTS CPF AS KEY NUMBER FOR ACCESS TO SUS**

The Ministry of Health is expected to present a project in July to transform the CPF into a type of key number or unique number within the Unified Health System (SUS). The information was released this Wednesday (11) by the head of the department, Alexandre Padilha, during a hearing in the Chamber of Deputies. "I would like to make a commitment to this entire committee: we will make the CPF the key number of the Unified Health System. This is not something we can do overnight, but in July we will present the plan," said the minister, addressing the parliamentarians after the first round of questions. Padilha recalled that, when he first headed the department, between 2011 and 2014, some people had up to five or six national SUS access cards, each with different numbers. "At the time, DataSUS managed to do something very important: clean up the database, which is to link five or six cards to a CPF." [Read more.](#)

### **MINISTRY OF HEALTH CRITICIZES PROJECT TO SELL MEDICINE WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION IN SUPERMARKETS**

The Ministry of Health has stated that the bill that allows the sale of over-the-counter medicines in supermarkets poses a risk to individual and collective health. The proposal, which pits the pharmaceutical sector against the markets, will be discussed again this Wednesday, the 11th, in the Senate Social Affairs Committee. "The proposal goes against health standards, poses a risk to individual and collective health and could result in increased public health spending due to interventions and injuries caused by the inadequate use and storage of these medicines," stated the document signed by the department's director of Pharmaceutical Assistance and Strategic Inputs, Mauro Aurelio Pereira, on the 27th. The ministry also stated that medicines that do not require a prescription contain risks. "Their sale in establishments not classified as health establishments, such as supermarkets, violates health regulations," it added. [Read more.](#)

### **MEDICINE MUST BE SOLD IN PHARMACIES, SAYS CIMED CEO**

Almost 20% of Cimed 's medicines could be sold in supermarkets, but even so, the president of the Brazilian pharmaceutical company, João Adibe, is against the bill that intends to allow the sale of non-prescription medicines by food retailers. For the businessman, even with the possibility of expanding points of sale, the measure is not good. With a turnover of R\$3.6 billion last year, Cimed is among the five largest in the sector, according to Abradilan (Brazilian Association of Distribution and Logistics of Pharmaceutical Products). [Read more.](#)

### **SUPERMARKETS DELIVER PLAN B FOR SELLING MEDICINES**

Faced with resistance from the pharmaceutical sector and government officials in the health sector, supermarket representatives are presenting a new proposal for the sale of medicines in stores in the sector to the Senate Social Affairs Committee this Wednesday (11). Now, the idea is to allow supermarkets to install complete pharmacies within their establishments, either by creating their own drugstore or through agreements with pharmaceutical chains. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL ADVOCATES STRENGTHENING REGIONAL PRODUCTION OF MEDICINES, VACCINES AND HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES**

Brazil participated, this Friday (13), in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in the 56th Meeting of Health Ministers of Mercosur and Associated States with a strategic agenda aimed at strengthening regional production of medicines, vaccines and health technologies within Mercosur. Among the priority topics are the expansion of local production capacity of the countries of the economic bloc and progress in negotiations with the European Union. In early July, Brazil assumes the

Pro Tempore Presidency (PPT) of Mercosur, including on the Health agenda with the mission of leading actions that strengthen the regional production of medicines, vaccines, and strategic technologies. [Read more.](#)

### **EMS ANNOUNCES THAT IT WILL LAUNCH THE FIRST BRAZILIAN PENS FOR OBESITY AND DIABETES IN AUGUST**

The Brazilian laboratory EMS announced that it plans to launch in August the first national versions of injectable medications based on liraglutide: the Olire pens, for obesity, and Lirux, used in the treatment of type 2 diabetes. Applied daily, liraglutide is an analogue of GLP-1, a hormone produced in the intestine that acts to control blood glucose levels and satiety mechanisms. It is the same active ingredient used in the medicines Victoza and Saxenda, from Novo Nordisk. The authorization from Anvisa (National Health Surveillance Agency) was given in December. The medicines are being produced at the EMS factory in Hortolândia (SP), which will develop everything from the raw material to the final product on national soil. According to the pharmaceutical company, the pens will be sold at prices 10% to 20% lower than those of drugs already available on the market. [Read more.](#)

### **ANVISA WARNS ABOUT VERY RARE SIDE EFFECT ASSOCIATED WITH SEMAGLUTIDE THAT CAN LEAD TO VISION LOSS**

The National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) issued a warning this Thursday (12) about semaglutide, present in the medications Ozempic, Rybelsus and Wegovy. The use of the substance can cause sudden vision loss, due to a rare condition called non-arteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy (NAO). It can be irreversible and, when symptoms are detected, requires immediate attention. [Read more.](#)

### **ANVISA APPROVES THE USE OF MOUNJARO FOR THE TREATMENT OF OBESITY AND OVERWEIGHT**

The National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) approved, this Monday (9/6), the use of tizerpatide, commercially known as Mounjaro and manufactured in the country by the pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly, for the treatment of weight loss in patients who live with obesity or overweight. Resolution 2.144, which includes the inclusion of the drug, was published in this Monday's edition of the Official Gazette of the Union (DOU). Before the resolution, Mounjaro was only permitted in Brazil for the treatment of type 2 diabetes. The release of the injectable drug for this purpose was authorized by Anvisa in September 2023, based on around ten different studies involving more than 19 thousand patients with the pathology. [Read more.](#)

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