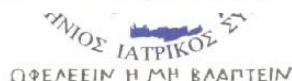




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## NATIONAL REPORT OF GREECE TO THE AEMH PANHELLENIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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The total increase in the budget for 2020 for health, ranges at the level of 4.19% compared to 2019 and is analyzed in individual increases of 2.85% for EOPYY (National Organization for the Provision of Health Services) and 6.29% for Hospitals - PHC Structures.

### **PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SECTOR**

The size of the budget for hospitals, EOPYY and other health care providers does not seem to change significantly from the 2019 budget. Any increases that exist, are generally in line with the forecasts of Medium Term 2019- 2022 and mainly concern the closed budgets for the medicine and the health provisions of EOPYY, which have been agreed with the institutions to be adjusted based on the projected GDP growth every year. Therefore for 2020 the increase is 2.8%.

Furthermore, as announced by the political leadership of the Ministry of Health, the Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) will be promoted to improve the "flexibility" of the system. For the same reason the legal status of the Hospitals will be changed from Public to Private Law Entity.

Staff pay costs remain stagnant and may be slightly reduced by € 22 million.

Also, it is noticeable that the funds for the National Authority for Medically Assisted Reproduction and the funds for the National Coordinator for the Treatment of Drugs. Will be increased to 380,000 euros and 94,000 euros respectively.

To face the covid 19 pandemic, the National Health System, has been extraordinary granted 281 million euros for doctor recruitment and increase of ICU beds.

According to data from the Ministry of Health more than 6,000 auxiliary medical, nursing and other staff, fully targeted to meet the increased needs of Hospitals and Health Centers to deal with covid-019 from will be recruited.

By the end of the year, 1,423 new doctors of various specialties will enter the NHS, filling permanent positions of regular staff. The process of re-announcing 400 positions of medical staff is in progress, of which approximately 200 will concern the staffing of the Intensive Care Units and the remaining positions of specific specialties that need support.

In fact, the recruitment of 942 permanent doctors of various specialties for all hospitals in the country is completed with fast procedures.

The process of announcing 81 positions of permanent doctors of various specialties for the islands and remote areas is in progress, the announcement for 1,209 positions of nursing and other various branches and categories of staff is in progress.

### **PRIVATE HEALTHCARE SECTOR**

For doctors in private Hospitals the new law on Social Security that gave an end to the very high (27% of the net income) and non-reciprocal contributions for social security has been a serious relief.

Unfortunately, still remains a considerable delay for the state and the private insurances compensations to private hospitals that affects the in-time payment of doctors' fees. This situation causes doctors to pay income tax for income not yet received, which leads them to financial suffocation.

During the first wave of the first covid 19 pandemic a serious decrease in beds occupancy in private hospitals has been observed but afterwards it returned to normal as many people avoid admissions in Public Hospitals as most of them have developed covid units.

In prevision of the second wave of the pandemic the Ministry of health issued a special regulation authorizing private Hospitals to receive covid-19 patients in any adequate department or ICU if the number of available beds in public Hospitals is not sufficient.

In conclusion, we can say that the working conditions for doctors in the public and the private healthcare sector started to improve during the previous year and the first three months of 2020, but the covid 19 pandemic is a serious threat that could reverse this tendency.

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