



PRESS RELEASE

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Audit is SEK's acquisition

In connection with the recent reports referred to " the private clinics' fraud against EOPYY", the Hellenic Private Hospitals Association (SEK) , once again, makes clear that the audit of accounts of all medical acts provided by private clinics to patients insured by EOPYY from Private Audit Firms was SEK's predominant request and acquisition.

It was SEK, the largest and most representative organization of private hospitals in Greece, that first stressed the need for the immediate start of clearing invoices issued to EOPYY, which remained stacked on the shelves of funds succeeded.

Realizing EOPYY's weakness and the unwillingness of the State to provide solutions to the problem, SEK proposed private clinics to cover their own clinical audit costs by independent Audit Firms, a proposal which, after much pressure, it was finally accepted in 2013 by the then Minister of Health, Mr. A. Georgiadis. Recently, Mr. Georgiadis, in SKAI's TV broadcast "Proti Grammi" (04/09/2014) confirmed that audit was SEK's request.

The conduct and establishment of auditing process by independent, reputable Audit Firms has always been SEK's demand. This is proved by the fact that through meetings and letters, SEK appealed for the intervention of the Prime Minister, in order to start the process.

Today a coordinated attack is occurring, an attack aimed to offend the entire industry of private clinics.

Through unfounded generalizations and aphorisms, it is attempted to mislead the public and create false impressions about the private healthcare sector, a sector that provides directly and indirectly 55,000 job positions, despite the country's dire economic situation, and also fills the gaps of the public healthcare system.

The SEK, knowing that the vast majority of private clinics providing completely transparent quality healthcare services to those insured by EOPYY, will be the first to condemn and seek to punish those who broke the law, when the audit is completed.

We are also expecting the acceptance of our request for expansion of audits by Private Auditing Companies for the year 2012 and the- 2014 onwards- transaction in real time along the lines of the insurance companies.



SEK

The Hellenic Private Hospitals Association represents the largest private clinics which offer high-end healthcare services throughout the country. The members of SEK are among the largest employers in Greece and among the biggest contributors to the Greek economy, and are actively supporting the needs of the state healthcare system.

THE PRIVATE HEALTHCARE SECTOR IN GREECE

The private sector employs more than 25,000 workers, maintains more than 30,000 job positions through indirect collaborations and invests in the viable growth of new infrastructures, new medical protocols and new technologies. Covering 39% of the country's healthcare services, the private healthcare sector is averting the "brain drain" that's been plaguing our country during these times; by keeping valuable scientists here, it contributes significantly to the country's GDP and it is making Greece a destination for medical tourism. It supplements the public healthcare sector, but also performs hi-tech operations and medical procedures that the state is unable to provide, thus fulfilling a pivotal role in ensuring public health in Greece.