



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **HHA accuses EOPYY of manipulative methods**

While the audit process for EOPYY's (National Organization for the Provisional Healthcare) payments to private clinics is still in progress, we can only attribute recent reports that were leaked to the press, and caused Prosecutor's intervention, to dark manipulative methods.

The Hellenic Hospital Association is accusing EOPYY of trying to stop the audit by continuously inventing fake barriers.

- This is proved by their failure to follow the deadlines for the completion of the audit that were set for 31.03.2014 and 30.06.2014.
- This is proved by EOPYY's BoD attempt to stop the audit, by not approving the criteria and the informative program of statistical control, among other necessary parameters that would ensure the completion of the procedure, despite the commitment that was given in the presence of Health Minister.
- This is proved by the lack of clarity, when and if, EOPYY has given approval to Private Auditing Firms to conduct further actions in order to complete the audit, according to the preliminary investigation.
- This is proved by the fact that there is deficient provision of data to the Private Auditing Firms, data that are requested from Private Auditing Firms, although it is well known that only EOPYY's System can provide copies of these data.

We believe that EOPYY's goal is the failure of the auditing procedure, in order to cover its inability to pay private hospitals for health services that have been provided to patients insured by EOPYY, fulfilling its obligations.

Obligations that the Prime minister, Mr. Antonis Samaras and all previous Ministers of Health committed to fulfill.

Misleading of the public, deliberately delaying the fulfillment of its obligations and defamation of private healthcare sector, are old and well-known practices of EOPYY, that today reach unprecedented dimensions and remind us of dark ages.

These practices that are leading to the extinction of our industry and put at risk the future of 55,000 people working in it, have a clear goal. We hold the President of EOPYY, Mr. Dimitris Kontos, responsible for this negative atmosphere created against Private Hospitals. Equally responsible will be his political supervisor, the Health Minister, if he doesn't resolve the problem of EOPYY's refusal to pay its debts.

Keep in mind that:

It was HAA, the largest representative of Private Hospitals in Greece, who first requested the start of the clearance procedure of the invoices of the private hospitals towards EOPYY, that were collecting dust on the shelves of EOPYY.

It was HAA who first suggested to undertake the full auditing cost from Independent Private Auditing Firms, in order to surpass EOPYY's inability and state's unwillingness to resolve the issue.

It was HAA who first requested Prime Minister's intervention in order to start the auditing process, making clear that the transaction and establishment of audit from independent and reliable partners is capable and necessary condition to lead country to a new era of transparency and responsibility.

HAA points out once more that will be the first who will condemn and ask for the punishment of the illegal businesses, once the audit is completed.

As we stand once more in front of a new dead end we declare our faith to Greek Justice.

SEK (HELLENIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION)

The Hellenic Hospital 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

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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.