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GREECE EXTENDS THE AGE LIMIT FOR SURROGACY TO 54 YEARS FOR THE COMMISSIONING MOTHER.



Since 2015, when the law allowing non-resident foreign nationals to carry out a surrogacy procedure in Greece was enacted, the maximum age of the commissioning mother (the female member of the couple wishing to carry out the procedure) must not reach 50 years of age on the day of the trial.

Because, during the pandemic, Greece's courts were closed for more than a year, preventing couples where the wife was close to 50 years of age from proceeding in Greece.

Since this was not the parents' fault, the Greek government was sensitive enough to temporarily raise the age limit to 52 (previously set at 50), although it was warned that this would be reversed in 2023.

Now, the government has gone a step further by raising the age at which one can participate in a surrogacy process to 54 years old. In other words, one must not have reached the age of 54 at the time of the trial.

This opens the door to Greece for many couples who were left out because they have reached or are about to reach the age of 52.

The summary of the law, in the sections that concern us, is as follows:

PART B

MEDICALLY ASSISTED REPRODUCTION REFORMS

CHAPTER A' CHAPTER A'

APPLICATION OF MEDICALLY ASSISTED REPRODUCTION - AVAILABILITY OF GENITAL MATERIAL - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF LAW 3305/2005

Article 3

Age of physical capacity to reproduce the assisted person - Amendment of para. 1 Article 4, para. 1 of Law 3305/2005

In Article 4, paragraph 1 of Law 3305/2005 (A' 17) on the conditions for the application of medically assisted reproduction methods, the following amendments are made: a) the second paragraph is amended, as regards the age defined as the age of physical capacity to reproduce, if the assisted person is a woman, b) a new third paragraph is added, and para. Amendment 1 reads as follows: "1. I.M.D. methods shall be applied to adult persons up to the age of natural reproductive capacity of the assisted person. When the assisted person is a woman, the age of physical capacity to reproduce means the fifty-fourth year (54 years and 0 days). In women aged fifty years and one day (50 years and 1 day) to fifty-four years (54 years and 0 days) a medically assisted reproduction method may only be applied with the relevant permission of the Authority. Its application to minors is exceptionally permitted due to a serious illness that carries a risk of infertility, in order to ensure the possibility of having children. In such a case, the conditions laid down in Article 7 shall apply".

Article 43

Transitional provisions

1. The validity of Article 3 covers all women who reach the age of fifty-four years (54 years and 0 days) during the year 2022.

2. (d) Article 4 shall also apply to genital cryopreservations existing at the time of entry into force of this Regulation.

PART VII

ENTRY INTO FORCE

Article 44

Entry into force

This agreement shall enter into force upon its publication in the Official Journal, unless otherwise specified in its individual provisions.

We order the publication hereof in the Government Gazette and its execution as a law of the State.

Athens, 20 July 2022

However, for more information if you require it, we reproduce the entire law, which has been in force since 21 July last.

Law 4958/2022 - Government Gazette 142/A/21-7-2022

Law 4958/2022: Reforms in medically assisted reproduction and other urgent regulations.

LAW NO. 4958/2022

Government Gazette 142 / A / 21-7-2022

Reforms in medically assisted reproduction and other urgent regulations.

OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

We issued the following law passed by Parliament:

PART A

OBJECT AND PURPOSE

Article 1

Purpose

1. The purpose of Part B' is to formulate a legal framework capable of responding to modern social requirements for medical assistance in maternity, to defend the rights of women, but also of vulnerable social groups, such as HIV positive persons, who resort to medically assisted reproductive methods and, alternatively, to contribute to addressing the problem of low birth rate in the country through supporting and facilitating the population in the process of medically assisted reproduction, according to international scientific data, modern lifestyle and the modern way of life, contribute to addressing the problem of the low birth rate in the country through supporting and facilitating the population in the process of medically assisted reproduction, according to international scientific data, modern lifestyle and current living conditions, as well as strengthening the economy through medical tourism.

2. The purpose of Part C' is to establish a legal framework capable of guaranteeing the fundamental human rights of intersex persons and ensuring the smooth development of their gender and personality, surrounding them with a protective framework during the vulnerable period of their minority.

3. Part D is intended to regulate matters within the competence of the Ministry of Health and to resolve problems related to the exercise of these responsibilities.

Article 2

Object

1. The object of Part B is:

a) to increase the age limit for women who may have recourse to medically assisted reproduction from the fiftieth (50th) to the fifty-fourth (54th) year of their age,

b) the possibility of cryopreservation of genital material, zygotes and fertilised ova and for social reasons, and the abolition of the upper limit of twenty (20) years as to its duration,

c) the right of the individual to bank unfertilised genital material for cryopreservation without the consent of the spouse or person with whom a civil partnership or partnership has been entered into, as well as for free use in the event of divorce, annulment of marriage, separation, termination or termination of the civil partnership or termination of their unmarried union; d) the explicit provision that the provision of genetic material for the establishment of cryopreservation banks, regardless of the existence of recipients at the time of disposal, does not constitute prohibited disposal, e) the possibility of receiving and cryopreserving donor or donor genital material from a cryopreservation bank, regardless of the existence of recipients in the given period of time,

- f) the possibility for the donor to decide for himself on his anonymity,
 - g) the replacement of the term “pre-implantation genetic diagnosis” by the term “pre-implantation genetic testing”;
 - h) the maintenance of a register for the registration of licences granted by the National Authority for Medically Assisted Reproduction (E.A.I.Y.A.) and the results of pre-implantation genetic tests,
 - i) the determination of H.A.I.Y.A. resources, j) the establishment of a Medically Assisted Reproduction Unit (M.A.M.A.I.A.) and a Cryopreservation Bank at the General University Hospital “ATTIKON” exclusively for the service of HIV positive persons with human immunodeficiency virus,
 - k) the abolition of the obligation for M.I.Y.A., which are installed and operate within the premises of a private clinic, to have the same infrastructure and entrance facilities.
2. The purpose of Part C is to ensure respect for the personality of intersex persons and their right to physical self-determination, and to regulate the conditions under which interference with the sexual characteristics of minor intersex persons is exceptionally permitted.
3. The object of Part D’ is the regulation of issues related to the development, supervision and control of counselling stations and treatment centres for the treatment of substance dependence, the movement of staff between Mental Health Units, staff positions at the General Hospital “Papageorgiou”, secondment and transfer of staff to the Central National Authority for Health Procurement and off-site transfers of staff of the National Centre for Immediate Assistance.

PART B

MEDICALLY ASSISTED REPRODUCTION REFORMS

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“1. I.M.D. methods shall be applied to adult persons up to the age of natural reproductive capacity of the assisted person. When the assisted person is a woman, the age of physical capacity to reproduce means the fifty-fourth year (54 years and 0 days). In women aged fifty years and one

day (50 years and 1 day) to fifty-four years (54 years and 0 days) a medically assisted reproduction method may only be applied with the relevant permission of the Authority. Its application to minors is exceptionally permitted due to a serious illness that carries a risk of infertility, in order to ensure the possibility of having children. In such a case, the conditions laid down in Article 7 shall apply”.

Article 4

Modification of the regime of cryopreservation of genital material, zygotes and fertilised ova - Modification of Article 7, paragraphs 1, 3, 6 and 7 of Law 3305/2005

In Article 7 of Law No. 3305/2005 (A' 17), on cryopreservation of genital material, zygotes and fertilised ova, the following amendments are introduced: a) Para. Amendment No. 1 is amended to provide for the possibility of cryopreservation of genital material, zygotes and fertilised ova and to maintain fertility, and reads as follows:

“Cryopreservation of genital material, zygotes and fertilised ova shall be applied for preservation and future use in methods of D.M.I. or for fertility preservation (“cryopreservation for social reasons”), or for research and therapeutic purposes”.

(b) The last subparagraph of para. Amendment 3 is modified so as not to set a maximum limit on the extension of the duration of cryopreservation, and para. Amendment 3 reads as follows:

“3. The duration of cryopreservation shall be determined as follows:

- a. Spermatozoa and testicular tissue: if the sperm has been deposited by a third party donor, up to ten (10) years, while if the spermatozoa or testicular tissue has been deposited only for future personal use in the context of the application of I.Y.A. methods, up to five (5) years.
- b. Ova and ovarian tissue: five (5) years.
- c. Fertilised zygotes and ova: five (5) years.

In the above cases, the duration of cryopreservation may be extended for five (5) years at a time upon written request of the beneficiaries, in accordance with para. 6, with no maximum extension limit.”

(c) In para. 6, the following amendments are made: (ca) new first and second paragraphs are added, (cb) the former first paragraph is amended so that only for cryopreservation of fertilised zygotes and ova the written consent of the persons depositing them is required, (c) the former second paragraph is amended to cover parties to a civil partnership, (c) the former seventh paragraph is amended; so that a special document stating their wishes on the destination of cryopreserved genital material, zygotes and fertilised ova for the couple or the unmarried woman is not required, c) a new last paragraph is added, and para. Amendment 6 reads as follows:

“6. Cryopreservation of unfertilised genital material (gametes) shall be carried out with the written consent of the person submitting it, in accordance with Article 1456 of the Civil Code. In the case of a couple, the consent of the spouse or the person with whom a civil union has been entered into or of the partner or couple shall not be required. Cryopreservation of fertilised zygotes and

ova is performed with the written consent of the persons depositing them, in accordance with Article 1456 of the Civil Code. In the case of a couple, the consent of both spouses or parties to a civil union or partnership is required. If the persons are minors, both parents consent, even if only one has custody of the minor. If there are no parents or both parents have lost parental responsibility, consent is given by the guardian, with the permission of the supervisory board. The minor who has reached the age of fifteen (15) consents to cryopreservation. The consent shall be given after detailed information in accordance with article 5 and in any case before the beginning of the treatment cycle. By means of the same document, these persons shall declare their will for the destination of the cryopreserved genital material, zygotes and fertilised ova in accordance with Article 1459 of the Civil Code. The declaration on the destination of the cryopreserved genital material, zygotes and fertilised ova shall be amended in the same way”.

(d) In para. 7, the following amendments are made: (da) the current provision is amended so that it does not apply to genital material, but only to zygotes and fertilised ova, and to cover cases of termination or termination of civil partnership, (db) a new second paragraph and para. Amendment 7 reads as follows:

“7. In the absence of the aforementioned joint declaration, as well as in the event of disagreement on their use, divorce, annulment of marriage, separation, termination or termination of civil partnership, termination of free association or death without prejudice to the provisions of Article 1457 of the Civil Code, the zygotes and fertilised ova shall be kept or used for research or therapeutic purposes or destroyed. in accordance with the provisions of Article 1459 of the Civil Code following a decision of the Authority, at the request of the Cryopreservation Bank. In the event of divorce, annulment of marriage, separation, termination or termination of civil partnership and extinction of free association, the unfertilised genital material (gametes) shall not be destroyed, but shall be preserved and used by the person to whom it belongs”.

Article 5

Disposal of gametes and fertilised eggs - Payment of expenses to donors - Information on donors - Amendment of Art. 8 para. 1, 5 and 6 of Law 3305/2005

In Article 8 of Law 3305/2005 (A' 17) on the disposal of gametes and fertilised ova, the following amendments are made: a) In para. Amendment 1 a new second paragraph and para. Amendment 1 reads as follows:

“The disposal of gametes and fertilised ova in exchange for the donor shall be prohibited. The prohibition of disposal in exchange for germ material does not refer to legal procedures concerning the donation, supply, control, processing, preservation, storage, distribution, import and export of human tissues and cells, for which I.Y.A. Units or Cryopreservation Banks have received special permission from the Authority and the European Union. to receive and cryopreserve the genetic material of a donor or donor of a Cryopreservation Bank, regardless of the existence of recipients in the given period of time”.

(b) In para. 5, the following amendments are made: (ba) the fourth paragraph is amended so that the amounts of the expenses necessary for the reception and cryopreservation of gametes are not paid to the donors by the recipients, but by the doctors or legal representatives of the Medically Assisted Reproduction Unit or the Cryopreservation Bank, to whom these amounts are paid by the

recipients; and, therefore, the reception and cryopreservation of gametes does not depend on the existence of recipients in the given period of time, and bb) the fifth paragraph is amended to refer also to Cryopreservation Banks, and para. Amendment 5 reads as follows:

“5. Payment of the costs necessary for the reception and cryopreservation of gametes shall not constitute consideration.

The above costs include: a. medical, laboratory, pharmaceutical, and nursing costs before, during and after taking gametes;

b. the donor's travel and subsistence expenses, c. any positive damage to the donor due to abstinence from work, as well as remuneration for dependent work from which the potential donor was deprived due to his absence for the preparation and performance of the gamete reception, as well as compensation for his biological stress. The amount of the covered costs and compensation shall be determined by a decision of the Authority. Payment of the above costs, which include pharmaceutical costs, as well as compensation, is made to the donors by the doctors or the legal representatives of the I.Y.A. Unit or the Cryopreservation Bank, to whom these amounts are paid by the recipients, on the basis of the corresponding receipts (documents), issued by the doctors or legal representatives, without any tax liability of their own. The above receipts (documents) must remain in the file of the physicians or I.Y.A. Units or Cryopreservation Banks and are notified only to the competent tax and supervisory authorities and investigating officials, if an affidavit of administrative examination or preliminary examination or preliminary police investigation or preliminary investigation or main investigation is carried out”.

(c) In para. In amendment 6, a new second paragraph and para. Amendment 6 reads as follows:

“6. Medical information concerning the third donor in accordance with § 1460 par. 1460. 1 ed. b' A.K., are kept in absolute secrecy and in coded form in the Cryopreservation Bank and in the national archive of donors and recipients of Article 20 par. 2c. The information concerning the identity of the third donor may, at his choice, be anonymous or surnamed or communicated only to the minor after the age of majority, if he so requests.”

Article 6

Pre-implantation genetic testing - Amendment of Articles 2, 3, 10 and 27 of Law 3305/2005

1. Article 2, paragraph 2, ca. f' of Law 3305/2005 (A' 17) on medically assisted reproduction methods and techniques is amended so that instead of the term “pre-implantation genetic diagnosis” the term “pre-implantation genetic testing” is used, and ca. f) reads as follows:

“f. pre-implantation genetic testing”.

2. ca. Article 15 of Article 3 of Law 3305/2005 on the definitions applicable to the application of this law is amended so that instead of the term “pre-implantation genetic diagnosis” the term “pre-implantation genetic test” is used, and per. Amendment 15 reads as follows:

“15. Preimplantation genetic testing: the invasive removal by micromanipulation of polar particles or cells from the fertilised egg prior to transport for genetic analysis”.

3. In Article 10 of Law 3305/2005 on pre-implantation genetic diagnosis, the title and the first paragraph of para. The Commission cannot accept amendment 1, so that the term “pre-implantation genetic diagnosis” is used instead of “pre-implantation genetic testing”, and Article 10 reads as follows:

“Article 10

Preimplantation genetic testing

1. Preimplantation genetic testing shall be carried out with the consent of the persons concerned and with the authorisation of the Authority, in order to determine whether the fertilised ova are carriers of genetic abnormalities, in order to prevent their transfer to the uterus. This licence is granted after it is established that M.I.Y.A. has the necessary expertise and equipment or cooperates with a corresponding unit or laboratory, which meets these conditions.

2. Genetic counselling shall be compulsory prior to the application of the method”.

4. Paragraph 17 of Article 27 of Law 3305/2005 on administrative sanctions imposed in case of pre-implantation genetic diagnosis in violation of the terms of Article 10 is amended so that instead of the term “pre-implantation genetic diagnosis” the term “pre-implantation genetic testing” is amended and paragraph 17 of Article 27 reads as follows:

“17. The performance of a pre-implantation genetic test in violation of the terms of Article 10, is punishable by a fine of two thousand (2,000.00) to four thousand (4,000.00) euros and temporary revocation of the M.I.Y.A. operating license for one year. If the violation is committed again, the M.I.Y.A. licence is permanently revoked”.

Article 7

Surrogate Mother - Add para. 5 to Article 13 of Law 3305/2005

In Article 13 of Law No. 3305/2005 (A' 17), on surrogacy, para. 5 as follows:

“5. The decision of the Authority shall regulate any question relating to the application of this Regulation, such as questions relating to the use of a surrogate mother, that is to say, the form and procedure for the persons concerned to find a surrogate mother”.

CHAPTER II

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN HUMAN REPRODUCTION - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHAPTER EIGHT OF BOOK FOUR OF THE CIVIL CODE

Article 8

Conditions for medical assistance in human reproduction - Amendment to Article 1455 of the Civil Code

In Article 1455 of the Civil Code (A.K.), concerning medical assistance in human reproduction, the

following amendments are made: a) the first paragraph is amended so that medical assistance is permitted not only to cope with the impossibility of having children naturally or to prevent the transmission to the child of a serious disease, but also to preserve fertility; regardless of the existence of a medical necessity, b) a new fifth paragraph is added, and Article 1455 of the Civil Code reads as follows:

"Article 1455

Medical assistance in human reproduction (artificial insemination) is only permitted to address the inability to have children naturally or to prevent the transmission to the child of a serious disease or to preserve fertility, regardless of the existence of a medical need. Such assistance shall be permitted up to the age of the natural reproductive capacity of the assisted person. Human reproduction by the method of cloning is prohibited. Choice of the sex of the child is not allowed unless a serious gender-related hereditary disease is prevented. Donation of genital material between relatives is only allowed between relatives in a lateral line.

Article 9

Consent to medical assistance in human reproduction - Amendment to Article 1456 of the Civil Code

In Article 1456 of the Civil Code (A.K.), concerning the consent of persons wishing to have a child with medically assisted reproduction, new third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh paragraphs are added and Article 1456 of the Civil Code reads as follows:

"Article 1456

Any medical act intended to assist human reproduction, in accordance with the terms of the preceding Article, shall be carried out with the written consent of the persons wishing to have a child. If the assistance concerns an unmarried woman, her consent and, in the case of a free union, that of the man with whom she lives shall be provided by means of a notarial document. Especially the cryopreservation of unfertilised genital material (gametes) is carried out with the written consent of the person submitting it. In the case of a couple, the consent of the spouse or the person with whom a civil union has been entered into or of the partner or couple is not required. Cryopreservation of zygotes and fertilised ova is carried out with the written consent of the persons depositing them. In the case of a couple, the consent of both spouses or parties to a civil union or partnership is required. By the same letter, these persons must declare their will for the destination of the cryopreserved genital material, zygotes and fertilised ova in accordance with Article 1459. Consent is revoked with the same formula until the transfer of gametes or fertilised ova into the female body. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 1457, consent shall be deemed to have been withdrawn if one of the persons who had given consent died before the transfer."

Article 10

Reproductive products not used for medically assisted reproduction - Amendment to Article 1459 of the Civil Code

The following amendments are made to Article 1459 of the Civil Code (A.K.), concerning

reproductive products not used for medically assisted reproduction, is amended as follows: (a) the first paragraph is amended to apply only to cryopreserved gametes belonging to persons resorting to artificial insemination, for which the persons decide by means of an individual, and not a joint written declaration, (b) new second and third paragraphs are added, (c) the former second paragraph is amended to refer only to fertilised ova, and not to gametes, and Article 1459 of the Civil Code reads as follows:

“Article 1459

Persons resorting to artificial insemination decide in an individual written declaration to the doctor or the head of the medical centre, made before the start of the procedure concerned, that the cryopreserved gametes belonging to them will not be needed to have children:

- (a) be made available, without compensation, as a matter of priority, to other persons chosen by the doctor or medical facility;
- (b) used free of charge for research or therapeutic purposes;
- (c) be destroyed.

In the case of cryopreserved fertilised ova, the persons using artificial insemination shall decide in a joint written declaration to the doctor or the person in charge of the medical institution, made before the start of the procedure concerned. The declaration on the destination of the cryopreserved genital material, zygotes and fertilised ova is amended in the same way. In the absence of a joint declaration by the persons concerned, fertilised ova are kept for a period of five (5) years from their creation and, after this time, are used for research or therapeutic purposes or destroyed. Uncryopreserved fertilised eggs are destroyed after the completion of fourteen days from fertilisation. No intermediate time of their cryopreservation shall be calculated”.

Article 11

Anonymisation or disclosure of third party donor information - Selection of a third party donor who is anonymous or named by the assisted person - Amendment of Article 1460 of the Civil Code.

In Article 1460 of the Civil Code (A.K.), concerning the non-disclosure of the identity of the donor, the parents and the child, is amended as follows: (a) the first paragraph is amended to give third parties who offer gametes or fertilised eggs the opportunity to choose their identity to be anonymous or to be surnamed or to be notified to the child after reaching the age of majority; (b) the second paragraph will be amended to cover cases where the third party chooses to be anonymous, (c) new fourth and fifth paragraphs will be added after the third paragraph, (d) the last paragraph will be amended to refer to third party donors and Article 1460 of the Civil Code will read as follows:

“Article 1460

The identity of the third parties who have offered the gametes or fertilised ova may, at the choice of the said persons, be anonymous or surnamed, or be communicated to the minor, if the latter so requests. If the third party chooses to be anonymous, the medical information concerning him

or her shall be kept in a confidential register without indicating his or her identity. Access to this register shall be granted only to the child and for reasons related to his or her health. It is not possible to establish paternity or maternity with the third donor or the third donor, nor to give birth to the relevant obligations on his or her person. The choice of an anonymous or named third donor or third donor is made by the person assisted and, in the case of marriage, civil union or free association by both spouses or partners. The identity of the child and its parents shall not be communicated to third party donors or third party donors of gametes or fertilised ova."

CHAPTER C' CHAPTER C'

NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR MEDICALLY ASSISTED REPRODUCTION

Article 12

Maintenance of a register of the permits granted and the results of the pre-implantation genetic tests performed - Addendum c. e' to art. 20, para. 2 of law 3305/2005

In Article 20, paragraph 2 of Law 3305/2005 (A' 17) on the registers and records kept by the National Authority for Medically Assisted Reproduction, add approx. e) as follows:

"e. A record of authorisations granted by the Authority, in accordance herewith, as well as of the results of pre-implantation genetic testing performed by the M.I.Y.A. who have the necessary expertise and equipment required or cooperate with a corresponding unit or laboratory, which complies with these conditions".

Article 13

Staffing of the Secretariat of the National Authority for Medically Assisted Reproductive Substitution, Art. 25 para. 3 of Law 3305/2005

1. Paragraph 3 of Article 25 of Law 3305/2005 (A' 17) on the staffing of the Secretariat of the National Authority for Medically Assisted Reproduction is replaced by the following:

"3. a) The filling of the Authority's Secretariat staff positions, provided for in Presidential Decree 10/2009 (A' 21) on the organisation of the Secretariat of the National Authority for Medically Assisted Reproduction by branches, specialities, departments and qualifications, is carried out in accordance with Law 4765/2021 (A' 6). The notice is issued by the Supreme Council of Personnel Selection (ASEP), following a recommendation of the Authority. The selection is carried out in accordance with the criteria set out in the notice, while observing the principles of openness, transparency, objectivity and meritocracy. At least the Chairperson and one (1) regular member of the Supervisory Board of the Authority participate in the ASEP selection committee. Following a recommendation by the Authority to ASEP, the notice may provide for a written test stage. For the selection of special scientific staff, following a recommendation of the Authority to ASEP, an interview may become mandatory.

(b) In order to meet the needs of the Authority's Secretariat that are not covered by the staff serving in the Authority's Secretariat, the Authority may use procurement procedures in accordance with Law 4412/2016 (A' 147)."

2.a) Expenses for services rendered for the secretarial support of the National Authority for Medically Assisted Reproduction may be paid at the expense of the regular budget of the Ministry of Health (special agency 1015-401), in which relevant appropriations are entered.

b) The expenses of the National Authority for Medically Assisted Reproduction, which were incurred during the years 2018 to 2020 and have not been paid, are legal and can be settled at the expense of the budgetary appropriations of the National Authority for Medically Assisted Reproduction.

Article 14

Resources of the National Authority for Medically Assisted Reproduction - Addition of article 25A to Law 3305/2005

At the end of Chapter E of Law 3305/2005 (A' 17), concerning the National Authority for Medically Assisted Reproduction, Article 25A is added as follows:

"Article 25a

Resources of the Authority

1. The Authority may accept donations and grants from private individuals, including private charitable foundations, with the exception of Medically Assisted Reproduction Units and Cryopreservation Banks, as well as from persons exercising implementing powers therein at the time they exercise them, and conclude for this purpose contracts for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the execution of works for the execution of the corresponding donations of goods or services or works by private individuals, pursuant to Article 3A of Law 4182/2013 (State Gazette A' 185).

2. The Authority may apply for and receive grants, Development Framework Partnership Agreement grants and other state grants."

CHAPTER D'

MEDICALLY ASSISTED REPRODUCTION UNIT AND CRYOPRESERVATION BANK AT THE GENERAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF ATTIKON

Article 15

Creation of a Medically Assisted Reproduction Unit and a Cryopreservation Bank at the General University Hospital "ATTIKON" exclusively for the service of HIV positive people with the human immunodeficiency virus.

It is established, installed and functioning at the Third Clinic of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the Faculty of Medicine of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens in the Unit of Medically Assisted Reproduction and the Cryopreservation Bank of the General University Hospital "ATTIKON", with a special laboratory, exclusively for the submission of HIV positive persons to medically assisted reproduction, in accordance with Article 4 of Law 3305/2005 (A' 17) and the following points oik. 2/15.11.2007 Decision of the National Authority for Medically Assisted Reproduction (B'170/2008).

CHAPTER E'

AUTONOMOUS MEDICALLY ASSISTED REPRODUCTION UNITS

Article 16

Autonomous Medically Assisted Reproduction Units without their own entrance and infrastructure of facilities - Amendment to Article 44 of Law 4633/2019

The first paragraph of Article 44 of Law 4633/2019 (A'161) on Autonomous Units of Medically Assisted Reproduction (M.I.Y.A.) is amended so that M.I.Y.A., which are installed and operate within the premises of a private clinic on the basis of a space lease relationship, if these are not created by investment of the private clinic and operate independently of it, are autonomous M.I.Y.A. without being obliged to have the same entrance infrastructure and establishments, and Article 44 reads as follows:

"Article 44

Medically Assisted Reproduction Units (M.I.Y.A.)

In the true sense of the provisions of Article 16 of Law 3305/2005 (A' 17) as amended and in force, as well as of Presidential Decree 10/2016 (A' 20) issued by delegation of para. 4 of the said Article, the Autonomous Units of Medically Assisted Reproduction (M.I.Y.A.) are also units that are installed and operated within the premises of a private clinic on the basis of a lease of space, provided that these Units are not created with the investment of the private clinic and operate independently of it. In the cases referred to in the previous paragraph, the license for establishment and operation of a Medically Assisted Reproduction Unit (M.I.Y.A.) is granted to the natural or legal person, who is responsible for complying with the required terms and conditions of operation of the Unit, is contracted on lease and holds the invoices for the equipment".

PART C

CHANGE OF GENDER CHARACTERISTICS OF INTERSEX MINORS

Article 17

Conditions for changing the sex characteristics of intersex minors

1. An intersex minor who has reached the age of fifteenth (15) may undergo medical procedures and treatments, such as surgical or hormonal, for the total or partial change of sexual characteristics, i.e. chromosomal, genetic and anatomical characteristics of the face, which include primary characteristics, such as reproductive organs, and secondary characteristics, such as muscle mass, bybreast or hair growth, according to article 2 para. 2 of law 4491/2017 (A' 152), only with the free consent, after having been informed, of himself and of the persons exercising parental responsibility or exercising custody of him, in accordance with sub-case. a bis) of approx. b) of

article 12 para. 2 of law 3418/2005 (A' 287), on the conditions for the provision of valid consent of a minor patient for the performance of medical procedures by a doctor.

2. A minor intersex person who has not reached the age of fifteen (15) years may undergo the medical procedures and treatments of para. 1 only after a permit, which is granted by a decision of the Magistrates' Court of the minor's place of residence. The court shall rule in the procedure of non-contentious jurisdiction and its decision shall not be subject to appeal. The hearing takes place in camera. The authorisation shall be granted by the following court: a) the opinion of the interdisciplinary committee referred to in Article 18, which shall be freely assessed by the court, b) a representative of the interdisciplinary committee referred to in Article 18 in person, and c) the personal hearing of the minor by the judge, subject to the conditions set out in paragraph c) c) c), the personal hearing of the minor by the judge, subject to the conditions set out in paragraph 18. a bis) of approx. b) of Art. 12 para. 2 of Law 3418/2005 (Government Gazette A' 287). The leave may be granted only for medical procedures or treatments that cannot be postponed, until such time as the minor has reached the age of fifteen (15) and do not cause other future, irreversible or significant complications for the minor's health. Exceptionally, such authorisation shall not be necessary when the medical procedure or treatment is necessary to prevent a danger to the life or health of the minor, within the meaning of Article 12 para. 3 (a) and (c) of Law 3418/2005 and cannot be postponed until the court's decision.

Article 18

Interdisciplinary Committee

An interdisciplinary committee is established to issue the opinion of Article 17.2, consisting of at least one (1) physician with expertise in intersex procedures or any intervention for the normalisation of sex characteristics in the territory of Gender Developmental Disorders (GAD / DSD), one (1) lawyer specialised in bioethics, one (1) psychologist, preferably with expertise in sex characteristics issues, one (1) social worker with expertise in sex characteristics issues and one (1) appropriately trained representative of the intersex community.

Article 19

Correction of a registered gender

Where medical procedures or treatment referred to in Article 17 are carried out which have resulted in a discrepancy with the registered sex of the minor intersex person, the competent court shall correct the registered sex.

Article 20

Sanction

Physicians who perform medical procedures or treatments on intersex minors in violation of Article 17, in addition to the prescribed disciplinary and administrative sanctions, are punishable by a prison sentence of at least six (6) months and a fine. Repeated commission of the act referred to in the first paragraph shall constitute an aggravating circumstance. In any case and irrespective of the amount of the penalty imposed, the offender is mandatorily punished with the accessory penalty of Article 65 of the Criminal Code (Law 4619/2019, A' 95), relating to the prohibition to

exercise a profession.

PART D'

OTHER REGULATIONS FALLING WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Article 21

Development, supervision and control of counselling stations and treatment centres - Amendment of para. 2 article 58 law 4139/2013

After the third paragraph of Article 58, paragraph 2 of Law 4139/2013 (A' 74), on the development, supervision and control of counselling stations and treatment centres for the treatment of substance dependence, new fourth, fifth and sixth paragraphs and para. Article 58, paragraph 2, shall read as follows:

"The Ministry of Health is responsible for the establishment, supervision and revocation of a licence for the operation of counselling stations, centres and hospitals for physical and mental rehabilitation and social reintegration or other relevant non-profit units, in addition to those already recognised by Article 51, on the recommendation of the National Planning and Coordinating Committee for Drug Treatment. By decision of the Minister of Health, the basic principles and specifications, terms, conditions, supporting documents, procedure and any other issues related to the granting of a licence for the establishment and operation of the aforementioned units are determined. Legal or natural persons who operate programmes or provide rehabilitation services without the necessary permit shall be punished with imprisonment from three (3) months to one (1) year and an administrative fine of thirty thousand (30,000) to fifty thousand (50,000) euros. The administrative fine is imposed by a decision of the Governor of the Health District concerned. By joint decision of the Ministers of Health and Finance, the enforcement procedure and any other issues related to the imposition and collection of the administrative fine are determined. Entities operating programmes or providing rehabilitation services without the necessary licence are obliged to submit an application for a licence by 31.12.2022. By joint decision of the Ministers of Citizen Protection and Health, the programmes implemented in detention centres are approved. The same joint decision shall establish the conditions and manner of selection of persons admitted to such programmes."

Article 22

Conditions for the movement of staff in Mental Health Units - Amendment of Article 15 of Law 2716/1999.

In Article 15 of Law No. 2716/1999 (A' 96), on the possibility of transferring the staff of the Mental Health Units, the following amendments are introduced: a) para. 1 is amended, so that the movement aa) is made by decision of the competent body of the Ministry of Health, without requiring the recommendation of the Sectoral Committee for Mental Health, ab) occupies staff with some employment relationship of the Mental Health Units, and ag) does not refer to rotational employment, but to employment for a period that may not exceed a total of one (1) year, b) the first paragraph of para. 2 is amended so that the movement occupies staff with any employment

relationship of the Mental Health Units, c) the second paragraph of para. Amendment No. 2 is amended so that it does not refer to employment for a period that may not exceed a total of three (3) months, but to employment that may not exceed a total of one (1) year, and Article 15 reads as follows:

“Article 15

Transportation of Mental Health Unit staff

1. By decision of the competent body of the Ministry of Health, staff with any employment relationship in the Mental Health Units, belonging to the Mental Health Sector, may be hired, for a period not exceeding a total of one (1) year, in any Mental Health Unit of the Sector, with full-time or part-time employment within their normal working hours or for the performance of on-call services, as an exception to the provisions of the Personnel Code and its provisions. Article 75 of Law 2071/1992 (Government Gazette 123 / t.A / 15.7.1992) and Article 25 of Law 2519/1997, to meet the needs of the Mental Health Units of the N.P.D.D. and N.P.I.D. of the wider public and private sector Mental Health Sectors.

2. By analogous decision, staff with any employment relationship from the Mental Health Units of each Sector may be employed in accordance with the provisions of para. 1 of this Article in the Mental Health Units of a neighbouring or non-adjacent Mental Health Sector, in accordance with Article 3 par. 2 verses (c) and (d) of this Act. Such employment shall not exceed a total of one (1) year”.

Article 23

Possibility of transferring staff to “Papageorgiou” Hospital - Amendment of para. 12 Article 6 of law 4052/2012

1. In para. 12 of article 6 of Law 4052/2012 (A’ 41), on the possibility of staffing the hospital

“Papageorgiou”, the following amendments shall be introduced: a) the first paragraph shall be amended by adding a provision not only for the transfer, but also for the transfer of medical, nursing, paramedical and other personnel, b) a new second paragraph and paragraph shall be added. Amendment 12 reads as follows:

“12. University Clinics and Laboratories, as well as departments of the National Health System that were relocated or installed in the “Papageorgiou” Hospital, may be staffed with medical, nursing, paramedical and other personnel from ESY hospitals by transfer or transfer of personnel by decision of the competent body of the Ministry of Health, upon request of the employee and agreement of the board of directors of the “Papageorgiou” Hospital and the Governor of the relevant D.Y.PE, to which the hospital from which the official is transferred belongs. The specialised doctors of the ESY branch who are transferred to University Clinics, Laboratories, as well as departments of the ESY which were relocated or installed in the “Papageorgiou” Hospital, occupy recommended personal posts of the ESY branch of the above mentioned Departments, Clinics and Laboratories, which are included in the hospital to which the previous Departments, Clinics and Laboratories belong, which have been relocated or installed in the “Papageorgiou” Hospital.

2. Paragraph 1 also applies in cases of doctors of the National Health System (ESY) branch who have been transferred or transferred from hospitals of the National Health System to University Clinics, Laboratories, as well as departments of the National Health System (ESY) which were relocated or installed in the "Papageorgiou" Hospital until the entry into force of the present.

Article 24

Resources of the Legal Entity under Private Law under the name of "National Central Authority for Health Procurement" - Amendment approx. b) para. 1 Article 5 of Law 4865/2021

1. Ca. b) of para. 1 of Article 5 of Law 4865/2021 (A' 238), on the resources of the Legal Entity under Private Law under the name of "National Central Authority for Sanitary Procurement" (E.K.A.P.Y.), is amended so that the special tariff, which is a percentage of each contract signed and refers to the central tenders that have been carried out, refers to the tenders that have been carried out not only by E.K.A.A.P.Y. but also by the Health Regions on behalf of E.K.A.P.Y., in accordance with the decision in Article 21, paragraph 6 of that Law, and para:

"The resources of the National Central Health Procurement Authority (E.K.A.P.Y.) are:

- (a) the ordinary grant from the State budget through the special budget of the Ministry of Health and any extraordinary grants,
- (b) the special fee, which is a percentage of each contract signed and relates to central tenders carried out by E.K.A.P.Y. or by the Sanitary Regions on behalf of E.K.A.P.Y., in accordance with the decision in Article 21(6),
- (c) revenue from the provision of services to the entities referred to in Article 7, without prejudice to Union legislation on State aid; and
- d) donations, inheritances, legacies, contributions and subsidies from third parties, as well as income from any kind of activity or annuities from its movable and immovable property".

Article 25

Filling of staff positions in the Legal Entity under Private Law under the name of "National Central Authority for Health Procurement" - Amendment of Article 17 para. 3 and 5 of Law 4865/2021

1. Paragraph 3 of Article 17 of Law 4865/2021 (A' 238), on the filling of the posts of heads of department of the Legal Entity under Private Law under the name "National Central Authority for Health Recruitment", is amended so that all existing staff, permanent or seconded or with an employment relationship under Private Law of indefinite duration, may participate in the selection process for Supervisors, and para:

"3. To fill the positions of Heads of Department referred to in Article 16, a reasoned decision of the Board of Directors is required, after selection by the existing staff therein, whether permanent or seconded or with a private law employment relationship of indefinite duration, applying mutatis mutandis in this case the provisions on evaluation of Articles 84-86 of Law 3528/2007 (A' 26)".

2. Paragraph 5 of Article 17 of Law 4865/2021, on the personnel of the Legal Person under Private Law under the name “National Central Authority for Health Procurement”, new second and third paragraphs are added, and paragraph 5 of Article 17, paragraph 5, reads as follows:

“5. By decision of the competent body of the Ministry of Health, staff serving in the central service of the Ministry of Health or in the bodies referred to in Article 7, supervised by the Ministry of Health, may be seconded or transferred to E.K.A.P.Y. for a period of three (3) years, with the possibility of renewal once for another three (3) years. Secondments shall be carried out without the need for a decision or agreement of the competent service councils or the governing body of the originating agency. In order to implement secondments, the Chairperson of the Authority shall issue a relevant call for expressions of interest specifying the qualifications required, the deadline for submission of applications, the selection procedure, the selection procedure, the manner of publication or posting, the results of the selection procedure, as well as any other matter relevant to the implementation of this document.

Article 26

Approval of supplies of medical devices

1. The National Central Authority for Health Procurement (E.K.A.P.Y.) approves the supply of medical equipment for an amount exceeding two hundred and thirty-four thousand (234,000) euros, plus Value Added Tax (VAT), after consultation with the competent body of the Ministry of Health, for the bodies of Article 7 of Law 4865/2021 (A' 238) under the responsibility of the Ministry of Health, or the competent body of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, for carriers of approx. d) Article 7 of Law 4865/2021.

2. In other cases, the supply of medical devices shall be carried out by the competent body, as the case may be, after notification to E.K.A.P.Y. of the decision approving the feasibility, for the issue of which competence is assigned as follows:

a) for an amount from forty-five thousand (45,000) euros up to two hundred and thirty-four thousand (234,000) euros, plus VAT, the feasibility approval is issued by the Governor or Vice-Governor of the Health District concerned, for the entities supervised by him, or by the Board of Directors of each of the other supervised entities, b) for an amount from fifteen thousand (15,000) euros up to forty-five thousand (45,000) euros, plus VAT, the decision approving viability is issued by the Board of Directors of each of the entities supervised by the Governor of the Health Region concerned, and for an amount up to fifteen thousand (15,000) euros, plus VAT, by its Governor, c) for an amount up to forty-five thousand (45,000) euros, plus VAT, the decision approving viability is issued by the Governor of each of the other supervised entities,

d) for an amount up to two hundred and thirty-four thousand (234,000) Euros, plus VAT, for primary health care units, the decision approving the feasibility is issued by the Governor or Vice Governor of the Health District concerned, e) for Aretaeio Hospital, Aiginitio Hospital and Eugenides Hospital, for an amount from forty-five thousand (45,000) Euros up to two hundred and thirty-four thousand (234,000) euros, plus VAT, the decision approving the suitability is issued by the Senate of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and for an amount up to forty-five thousand (45,000) euros, plus VAT, the decision approving the feasibility is issued by the Ephorate, for Aretaeio Hospital and Aiginitio Hospital, and by the Board of Directors, for Eugenides Hospital and f) for the military hospitals and for the Army Participation Fund Nursing Institution (N.I.M.T.S.) the competent body of the Ministry of National Defence issues a decision approving the feasibility,

irrespective of the amount.

3. By decision of the Board of Directors of E.K.A.P.Y., the procedure for approval of the procurement, where provided for, the procedure for notification to the Board of Directors of decisions approving the feasibility of the competent bodies, the deadline for notification, as well as any other matters relevant to the application hereof, shall be determined.

4. Decisions approving the feasibility issued, as from 4.12.2021 and until the entry into force of this Decision, by the competent body in accordance with para. Amendment 2 is lawful.

Article 27

Approval of feasibility for the supply of electromechanical equipment - Amendment of Article 79 of Law 4915/2022

1. Article 79 of Law 4915/2022 (A' 63), on feasibility approvals for the preparation of studies, implementation of projects and provision of technical and other relevant scientific services for the improvement and development of the infrastructure of the building of the Central Service of the Ministry of Health, supervised bodies, Aiginitio Hospital, Aretaeio Hospital and Eugenides Hospital and for the supply of medical supplies, consumables and goods or services, the following amendments shall be made:

(a) The title is amended to refer to electromechanical equipment and shall read as follows:

“Feasibility approvals for the preparation of studies, the execution of projects and the provision of technical and other related scientific services for the improvement and development of the infrastructure of buildings of the Central Service of the Ministry of Health, the supervised agencies, the Aiginitio Hospital, the Aretaeio Hospital and the Eugenides Hospital and for the supply of sanitary materials, consumables and goods or services, as well as electromechanical equipment”.

b) In paragraph 2, the following amendments are made: ba) the introductory paragraph is amended so that it does not concern the services of the Central Service of the Ministry of Health irrespective of their amount, but only the services of the supervisory bodies of the Ministry of Health for an amount of less than two hundred and thirty-four thousand (234.000) euros, plus Value Added Tax (VAT), bb) or approx. a) amended to refer to the building infrastructure of the bodies under the Administration of the Health Region (YPE) and cc) ca.

d) amended to refer to the infrastructure of the buildings and the central services of the Administrations of the Health Regions (D.Y.P.P.), and par. Amendment no. 2 reads as follows:

“The responsibility for issuing a decision approving the feasibility for the preparation of studies, implementation of projects and provision of technical and other relevant scientific services for the improvement and development of the building infrastructure of the supervised bodies of the Ministry of Health in the amount of less than two hundred and thirty-four thousand (234,000) euros, plus VAT, shall be distributed as follows:

a) for the building infrastructure of the bodies dependent on the Health Region Administration (D.Y.P.P.) and for an amount from forty-five thousand (45,000) euros to two hundred and thirty-

four thousand (234,000) euros, plus VAT, to the Governor or Vice-Governor of the competent Health Region (YPE),

b) for an amount from fifteen thousand (15,000) euros to forty-five thousand (45,000) euros, plus VAT, to the Board of Directors of each body, which is subject to the Health Region Administration (D.Y.P.),

c) for an amount of up to fifteen thousand (15.000) Euros, plus VAT, to the Governor of each agency, who is subject to the D.Y.P.E.,

d) for the construction infrastructure of primary health units and central services of the Public Health Services. And for the amount of up to two hundred and thirty-four thousand

(234.0) euro, plus VAT, to the Governor or Deputy Governor of the competent D.Y.P.E. (D.Y.P.E.),

e) for the buildable infrastructure of the other supervised entities and for an amount up to forty-five thousand (45,000) euros, plus VAT, to the Governor or President of the body, while for an amount of forty-five thousand (45,000) euros to two hundred and thirty-four thousand (234,000) euros, plus VAT, to its Board of Directors”.

c) Para. Amendment 4 is modified to correct the cases and paragraphs mentioned, and reads as follows:

“4. Especially for the Aretaeio Hospital, the Aiginitio Hospital and the Eugenides Hospital, the competence to issue a decision approving the feasibility of for para 1 belongs to the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, for c. a) of para 2 in the Senate of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, for c. b) and c) of para 2, as well as for the approval of feasibility in relation to the supply of medical supplies, consumables and goods or services, within the budget of each institution, irrespective of their amount, to the Ephorate, in the case of the Ephorate, for c. b) and c) of para 2. 2, as well as for the approval of feasibility in relation to the provision of medical supplies, consumables and goods or services, within the budget of each institution, regardless of their amount, to the Ephorate, in the case of Aretaeio and Aeginition Hospital, and to the Board of Directors of the Eugenides Hospital”.

(d) Amendment 4, paragraph 4a, is added after paragraph 4, as follows:

“4a. For the supply of electromechanical equipment for the Central Service of the Ministry of Health, regardless of the amount, and for entities supervised by the Ministry of Health for an amount of more than two hundred and thirty-four thousand (234,000) euros, plus VAT, the responsibility for issuing a decision approving feasibility lies with the Minister of Health. For the supply of electromechanical equipment for entities supervised by the Ministry of Health in the amount of less than two hundred and thirty-four thousand (234,000) euros, plus VAT, the responsibility for issuing a decision approving feasibility is distributed as follows:

a) for an amount from forty-five thousand (45,000) euros up to two hundred and thirty-four thousand (234,000) euros, plus VAT, the feasibility approval is issued by the Governor or Vice-Governor of the relevant Health District, for the entities supervised by him, or by the Board of Directors of each of the other supervised entities,

b) for an amount from fifteen thousand (15,000) euros plus VAT up to forty-five thousand (45,000) euros plus VAT, the decision approving viability is issued by the Board of Directors of each of the supervised entities by the Governor of the Health Region concerned, and for an amount up to fifteen thousand (15,000) euros plus VAT by its Governor,

c) for an amount of up to forty-five thousand (45,000) euros, plus VAT, the resolution approving viability is issued by the Governor of each of the other supervised entities,

d) for an amount of up to two hundred and thirty-four thousand (234,000) euros, plus VAT, for the Central Service of the Health Regions (YPE) and for the primary health care units, the decision approving feasibility is issued by the Governor or Vice-Governor of the Health District concerned.

For Aretaeio Hospital, Aiginitio Hospital and Eugenides Hospital, for an amount of forty-five thousand (45,000) Euros to two hundred and thirty-four thousand (234,000) Euros, plus VAT, the decision of approval of the feasibility is issued by the Senate of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and for an amount of up to forty-five thousand (45,000) euros, plus VAT, the decision of approval of the feasibility is issued by the Ephorate, for the Aretaeio Hospital and the Aiginitio Hospital, and by the Board of Directors, for the Eugenides Hospital”.

(e) Paragraph 4a. 4b is added after para. 4a. 4b as follows:

“4b. Decisions approving feasibility taken pursuant to paras. 3 and 4 concerning the supply of medical supplies are notified to E.K.A.P.Y.”

Article 28

Off-site transfers of the staff of the Legal Entity under Public Law under the name of “National Immediate Care Centre” - Amendment para. 2 of Article 2 sub. D.9 para. D’ article 2 of law 4336/2015 and approx. a) para. 3 of article 3 subpar. D.9 para. D’ Article 2 of Law 4336/2015

1. The fourth paragraph of Article 2, paragraph 2 of Article 2, paragraph D.9. of para. D’ of Article 2 of Law 4336/2015 (A’ 94), on the exclusion of off-site movements of the staff of the National Immediate Assistance Centre (E.K.A.V.), is amended so that off-site movements, regardless of the means, not, in general, of the permanent or private law contract of any form of E.K.A.V. but, in particular, of rescuers - crews, nurses and doctors of E.K.A.V. serving as permanent or under a private law contract of any form, be excluded from the scope of application, not of the law as a whole, but of specific provisions of low quality. D9 of para. D’ of section 2 of this Act, without the prerequisite of posting for the performance of their duties at E.K.A.B. air ambulance bases, and para. D.9 of para. D.9 of section 2(D) read as follows:

“The scope of application of the present Law shall not apply to the withdrawal from the headquarters of all types of personnel employed for the needs of programmes or projects (research, development, etc.). the State Scholarship Foundation (IKY), research and technological bodies and the ELKE of HEIs, which are financed exclusively by the European Union or by international bodies or private funds or legacies or own resources, provided that the corresponding expenditure is covered by these programmes or projects, for the needs of which they are moving. The scope of the present also does not include all types of movements of the Minister for Migration and Asylum, which are not subject to a restriction of days per year. Movements away from headquarters that have taken

place in the year 2016 by the Deputy Minister of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction in charge of migration policy issues and the Minister of Migration Policy, above the limit of days set by the above provisions, are considered lawful. The expenses for these movements may be paid at the expense of the appropriations of the current financial year or the following financial year of the Ministry of Migration Policy, in accordance with the prescribed procedure, in accordance with the other conditions of legality and regularity of these expenses.

Also not falling within the scope of c. 8 and 9 of Articles 1 and 11 of this Act are the travel outside the headquarters, regardless of the means, of rescuers: crews, nurses and doctors of E.K.A.V. acting as permanent or under a private law contract of any form whatsoever. The implementing provisions of the preceding paragraph shall be laid down by joint decision of the Ministers of Finance and Health.”

2.ca. a) of Article 3, paragraph 3, subparagraph 3 of Article 2, paragraph D.9, subparagraph D’ of Law 4336/2015, on the determination, by joint decision of the competent Minister and the Minister of Finance, of the days of travel away from headquarters per year for specific categories of personnel, is amended to refer not to crews but to rescuers: crews, nurses and doctors of E.K.A.V., and para. D.9 of para. D.9 of para. D.9 of para. D.2 reads as follows:

“By joint decision of the competent Minister and the Minister of Finance, days of travel away from headquarters per year and beyond the above mentioned limits of paras. 1 and 2 and up to two hundred (200) days in total for movements away from headquarters: a) rescuers - crews, nurses and doctors of E.K.A.V.,

b) E.P.T. S.A. technicians and journalists, c) the staff of the Agronomists and Veterinarians branch of the Special Agricultural Compensation Account (E.L.G.A.) and the staff of OPEKEPE, for the on-site physical checks that it is obliged to carry out in accordance with European Union regulations and in the case of the members of the Gaming Controllers Corps of the Gaming Supervision and Control Commission (E.E.E.E.P.) up to one hundred and eighty (180) days in total for the performance of audits, d) employees providing services in any form, in the General Directorate for the Recovery of the Effects of Natural Disasters of the General Secretariat for Infrastructure of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, as well as in the directorates and sectors under the aforementioned General Directorate, e) the President of the Hellenic Statistical Authority up to one hundred and eighty (180) days in total.”

3. The validity of para. 1 begins on 2a.10.2021.

Article 29

Exercising for a specialty degree in anaesthesiology after a break in practice to obtain a degree in another medical specialty

1. Doctors who choose to change their medical specialty before completing it and practice in the specialty of anaesthesiology, and who are assigned to practice in the specialty of anaesthesiology as of the entry into force hereof, shall be compensated, notwithstanding the provisions of para. 4 of Article 1 of Law 123/1975 (A’ 172), for the entire period of time required for the completion of the practice in the specialty of anaesthesiology, without taking into account the period of time during which they had practiced in the other medical specialty.

2. Paragraph 1 physicians who again choose to change medical specialties, before completing their training in the specialty of anaesthesiology, do not receive remuneration for a period equal to the period of training in both the specialty of anaesthesiology and the original specialty.

Article 30

Determination of the speciality oral and maxillo-facial surgery - Amendment of Article 29, paragraph b.2 of Law 3209/2003

Paragraph b.2. of Article 29 of Law 3209/2003 (A' 304), on the speciality of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, is amended to be determined not only as a medical speciality but also as a dental speciality, and reads as follows:

"b.2. Oral and maxillofacial surgery is defined as a medical and dental speciality requiring knowledge of medicine and dental science.

Article 31

Establishment and functioning of a National Committee on Rare Diseases - Diseases - Amendment of approx. a) para. 4 Article 12 of Law 4213/2013

In ca. a) of Art. 12 para. 4 of Law 4213/2013 (A' 261), on diseases and rare diseases, the following amendments are made: a) the introductory paragraph is amended, so that the National Committee on Rare Diseases - Diseases (E.E.S.N. - P.) is not constituted in the Central Health Council (KE.S.Y.) but in the Ministry of Health, b) subper. quater), ee), fs) and ii) are repealed; aa) is amended so that four (4) and not three (3) scientists in the field of health participate in the E.E.S.N. - P., d) subper. dd) is amended so that d) two (2) joint representatives of the Panhellenic Association for Rare Diseases (P.E.S.PA.), the Hellenic Federation of Associations - Rare Diseases (E.O.S.S.S. - SPA.NO.PA.), the Greek Rare Patients Association (E.S.A.E.) and the Greek Patients Association (E.A.E.), db) participate in E.E.S.N. - P. P. E.O.S. - SPA.NO.PA., E.S.A.E. and H.A.E. and dc) to provide that representatives have proven experience of participation in bodies, committees, associations, voluntary working groups or meetings of institutions and organisations at national level and preferably at European or international level, e) new seventh and eighth paragraphs and case. a) of para. Article 12(4) shall read as follows:

"4.a) The Ministry of Health establishes a "National Committee on Rare Diseases-Diseases (E.E.S.N. - P.)", which has a fixed and permanent character and is composed of:

aa) four (4) health scientists, as permanent members, with their alternates, who are proposed by the KE.S.Y. and must have relevant proven scientific work, experience in the management and operation of units providing specialised services, participation in relevant European programmes and networks, proven experience in evaluation bodies, scientific, scientific actions, protocols and participation in relevant Greek, European and international committees,

bb) one (1) scientist with experience in participating in committees or working groups in Greece or abroad for rare or complex diseases, with his/her deputy, appointed by the Minister of Health,

cc) [repealed].

dd) two (2) patient representatives, with their alternates, who have proven experience of participation in bodies, committees, associations, voluntary working groups or meetings of institutions and organisations at national level and preferably at European or international level, and are selected by the Minister of Health, following the proposals submitted by the Panhellenic Association for Rare Diseases (P.E.S.PA.) and the Hellenic Federation of Associations - Rare Diseases (E.O.S. - SPA.NO.PA.), as well as the Greek Rare Patients' Association (E.S.A.E.) and the Greek Patients' Association (E.A.E.), ee) [repealed] ff) [repealed].

hh) one (1) representative of the National Organisation for Medicines (EOF), with his deputy, ith) one (1) representative of the National Organisation for the Provision of Health Services (EOPYY), with his deputy,

(ii) [repealed].

The members of the Committee are appointed, together with their alternates, by decision of the Minister of Health, for a period of three years, which may be renewed once. Persons who have an employment relationship with or are shareholders in pharmaceutical companies are excluded from membership of the Committee. A committee member, who is related in any way to a candidate or re-evaluation centre or to the applicant scientists, cannot participate in the evaluation/re-evaluation process and is excluded. By the same decision of the Minister of Health, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee are appointed, as well as any other matters related to its functioning. At the meetings of the Committee, depending on the subject matter, a representative of a relevant patients' association may be invited and participate, without the right to vote. In case of examination of an application for recognition of a Centre of Expertise on Rare and Complex Diseases or a re-evaluation of a recognised Centre, a health scientist may be appointed by the Committee and participate, without voting rights, depending on the area of expertise for which recognition of the centre is sought or a re-evaluation of a recognised centre will be carried out as a special rapporteur. The work of the Special Rapporteur shall be completed by submitting to the Commission a relevant recommendation on the recognition of the centre or the re-evaluation of a recognised centre".

Article 32

Modification of the purpose of the non-profit société anonyme under the name "Documentation and Costing Centre for Hospital Services Societe Anonyme" - Addendum para. 1B in article 3 of the Statute (article tenth of law 4286/2014).

In Article 3 of the Articles of Association of the non-profit joint stock company under the name "Documentation and Costing Centre for Hospital Services Societe Anonyme" (KE.TE.K.N.Y. SA), which is included in the tenth article of Law 4286/2014 (A' 194), after para. 1A a para. 1B is added as follows: "1.B. The purpose of the Company is also to compile all codifications and terminologies in the field of health, as well as to define the standards for the exchange of health data after consultation with interested parties".

Article 33

Provisions for the automatic return mechanism - Amendment to Article 25 of Law 4549/2018

In Article 25, paragraph 1 of Law 4549/2018 (A' 105) on the automatic clawback mechanism, two new paragraphs and para. Amendment 1 reads as follows:

"1. The refund mechanism of Article 11 of law 4052/2012 (A' 41), the delegated decision of the Minister of Health issued under data C5/63587/2015 (B' 1803) and Article 100 of law 4172/2013 (A' 167), applies also in the years 2019 to 2025. The initial base year for the first application of this Regulation shall be 2018 and, for each of the following years, the previous year. For the year 2019, the distribution of the limits of the pharmaceutical expenditure, the hospital pharmaceutical expenditure of the pharmacies of EOPYY, the expenditure on health services provided by EOPYY, as well as the hospital pharmaceutical expenditure of the hospitals of the National Health System and the General Hospital of Papageorgiou is determined by decision of the Minister of Health. Especially for the years 2020 - 2022, the expenditure limits of EOPYY are as follows:

a) Pharmaceutical expenditure of 2,088 million euros, of which eighty-seven million (87,000,000) euros for the hospital pharmaceutical expenditure of EOPYY pharmacies (high-cost medicines from list 1A of paragraph 2 of article 12 of law 3816/2010) and 2,001 million euros for the rest of the EOPYY pharmaceutical expenditure.

(b) Expenditure on health services of EUR 1 553 million.

Especially for the years 2020 - 2022, the limit of the hospital pharmaceutical expenditure of the hospitals of the National Health System and the General Hospital of Papageorgiou is set at five hundred and twenty-eight million (528,000,000) euros.

By joint decision of the Ministers of Health and Finance, from 1.1.2022, EOPYY pharmaceutical expenditure may be redistributed to the cost of community medicines, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, to the cost of high-cost medicines of EOPYY pharmacies (hospital and outpatient pharmaceutical expenditure of EOPYY pharmacies, respectively). 2 of article 12 of law 3816/2010 of EOPYY pharmacies (hospital and outpatient pharmaceutical expenditure of EOPYY pharmacies, respectively), as well as other medicines administered by EOPYY pharmacies, on the other hand, and to determine the amount of expenditure per category of medicines, as well as the methodology for calculating any excess of this expenditure.

Especially for the years 2020 and 2021, and for reasons of addressing emergencies arising from the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the allowable limit of health expenditure of the National Organisation for the Provision of Health Services (EOPYY) is activated, beyond which the clawback mechanism of Article 100 of Law 4172/2013 is activated. (A' 167), increased by sixteen million five hundred thousand (16,500,000) euros for each of the previous years. The above amounts are divided for the years 2020 and 2021 by fifteen million (15,000,000) euros for health services category E "EXAMINATION AND DIAGNOSTIC ACTS SERVICES" and by one million five hundred thousand (1,500,000) euros for subcategory M2 "P.P. OXYGEN RESPIRATORY DEVICES". This increase is not the basis for calculating expenditure in subsequent years.

Especially for the year 2022 and for reasons of addressing emergencies arising from the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the allowable limit of EOPYY health expenditure, from which the automatic return mechanism (clawback) of article 100 of law 4172/2013 is activated, is increased by fifteen million (15,000,000) euros. This increase shall not constitute a basis for the calculation of expenditure in subsequent financial years."

Article 34

Regulation of the collection of the automatic refund amount from health providers of the National Organisation for the Provision of Health Services - Amendment of Article 100 of Law 4172/2013.

At the end of paragraph 3 of Article 100 of Law 4172/2013 (A' 167) a new last paragraph and para. Amendment No. 3 reads as follows:

"EOPYY may offset the above amount against an equal amount of debt within the same and/or the previous and/or the following year, to the private providers referred to in the preceding paragraph for the provision by them to EOPYY of health services. The final and final compensation is made between the amounts reimbursed by the private providers of health services and the settled debts of EOPYY. The validity of the above paragraph starts retroactively from the publication of Law 4172/2013.

Starting from the year 2021, based on the expenditure limits set out in the decision of para. 4, EOPYY pre-collects monthly, at the time of the payment of the month of expenditure of the providers of para. 1 and until the time of the issuance of the administrative acts certifying the automatic reimbursement amounts, up to seventy percent (70%) of the total amount of the automatic reimbursement attributable to each supplier before the control and final settlement of the suppliers' costs. At the six-month level, the final amount of the refund amount attributable to each provider is calculated and certified. The difference of the clawback amounts collected in advance from the total amount of clawback due is collected in twelve (12) interest-free monthly instalments. The terms of the agreement, the procedure for its collection, the deadline for submission of the application for inclusion in the regulations, as well as any specific issues necessary for the implementation of the present agreement are determined by decision of the EOPYY Board of Directors, upon the relevant recommendation of its co-directorates.

Especially for the year 2021, the difference of the clawback amounts collected in advance of the total amount of clawback due is collected in one hundred and twenty (120) monthly instalments without interest.

Article 35

Priority collection of National Health Service Delivery Organisation claims from the graduated monthly discount rate (rebate) mechanism and the clawback mechanism.

The National Health Care Delivery Organisation, when issuing orders for the payment of its debts to third parties, has priority for the collection of its claims arising from the monthly graduated discount rate mechanism (rebate) and the automatic refund mechanism (clawback), by the offset method, against any other third party claims, regardless of their general or special privilege.

Article 36

Implementation of a public health action "Preventive diagnostic tests for cervical cancer".

1. The General Secretariat of Public Health of the Ministry of Health elaborates, coordinates and supervises an action of the National Screening Programme of sub-per. i) of approx. B') of para. 3 of article 4 of law 4675/2020 (A' 54) under the title "Preventive diagnostic tests for cervical cancer".

2. The objectives of the Action are the early and valid diagnosis of cervical cancer, the improvement of markers of treatable mortality, as well as the improvement of women's quality of life.

Implementing body of the Action, within the meaning of Article 2, paragraph 40 of the decision of the Deputy Minister of Finance (B'4498), in connection with data 119126 EX 2021/ 28.9.2021, on the system of management and control of the Actions and Projects of the Recovery and Resilience Fund, is defined as the National Organisation for the Provision of Health Services.

4. The beneficiaries of the Action are Greek citizens and women citizens of other countries who are legally resident in the Greek territory and cumulatively fulfil the following conditions:

a) belong to the age group between twenty-one (21) and sixty-five (65) years,

(b) have a Social Insurance Number (A.M.K.A.),

(c) have not undergone, in whole or in part, a hysterectomy due to cancer;

(d) have not been diagnosed with cervical cancer disease type C 53.0, 1,8, 9;

(e) have not been diagnosed with cancer of the body of the uterus type C 54.0, C 55.0;

f) not having taken a PAP-TEST examination during the three (3) calendar years prior to the start of the implementation of the Action,

g) if they belong to the solar subgroup between twenty-one (21) and twenty-nine (29) years of age, have not taken an HPV-DNA TEST during the three (3) calendar years preceding the year in which the Action is implemented,

h) if they belong to the age group between thirty (30) and sixty-five (65) years, have not taken an HPV-DNA TEST during the five (5) calendar years preceding the year in which the Action is implemented.

5.a) For beneficiaries belonging to the solar group between twenty-one (21) and twenty-nine (29) years of age, the Action includes:

aa) automatic electronic prescription and execution of the PAP-TEST preventive screening referral by sampling in public or private Health Units,

(ab) registration of the result in the Social Security Electronic Prescription System of the Electronic Administration S.A. ("IDIKA. S.A.") and informing the beneficiary about the result of the preventive examination,

a quater) in case of abnormal findings, electronic prescription and execution of the colposcopy referral examination and performance of a biopsy.

b) For beneficiaries belonging to the solar subgroup between thirty (30) and sixty-five (65) years of age, the Action includes:

aa) Automatic electronic prescription and execution of the HPV-DNA TEST referral by sampling in public or private Health Units,

ab) recording the result in the Electronic Prescription System of IDIKA. S.A. and informing the beneficiary about the result of the preventive examination,

(a quater) in case of an abnormal finding:

(i) for a positive result for types 16 and 18, electronic prescription and execution of a colposcopy referral and biopsy test, or

(ii) for a positive finding in the other types, except types 16 and 18, electronic prescription and execution of a PAP-TEST referral on the remainder of the sample. If during the PAPANICOLAOU test an abnormal finding is found, the data described in figure. i) of para. a quater) medical procedures are followed.

6. The Electronic Prescription System informs, through interoperability, the Individual Electronic Health Record (I.E.H.R.E.) of the beneficiaries of the result of each examination performed.

7. Statistical data on the implementation of the Action are promoted and disseminated to all beneficiaries with the aim of raising awareness on cancer prevention, with a special focus on cervical cancer prevention.

8. The distribution and execution, within the framework of the Action, of intangible reference diagnostic tests are carried out in accordance with Article 13 of Law 4704/2020 (A' 133), on the intangible functioning of the Electronic Prescription System for Medicines.

9.a) When the sampling is carried out in the context of a medical visit, the compensation price for the medical visit is set at twenty-five euros (25.00), as an exception to the provisions of Articles 1 and 2 of Presidential Decree 127/2005 (A' 182).

(b) The compensation price for the PAP TEST carried out in para. 5 is set at thirteen euros and thirty-two cents (13.32) in accordance with Article 4 of Presidential Decree 157/1991 (State Gazette A' 62).

(c) The compensation price for the DNA-VPH TESTING performed in para. Amendment 5 is set at eighty euros (80.0), according to para. D' of the single article of the joint decision of the Ministers of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity, Health and Finance (B'3458), in connection with items A3(c)/oik.76492/13.10.2016, on costing and counting of medical acts.

(d) For the purposes of this Action only, the price of compensation for colposcopy in para. Amendment No. 5 is set at forty euros (40.00 euros), notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 6 of the sole article of Presidential Decree 427/1991 (A' 156), on the calculation of the cost of medical operations, as well as any other general or special provisions.

(e) Solely for the purposes of this Action, the price of the compensation for the biopsy in para. 5 is fixed at thirty euros (30.00), notwithstanding the provisions of Article 4 of Presidential Decree 157/1991 (A' 62), as well as any other general or special provisions.

10. In the context of the implementation of the Action, EOPYY, as its implementing body, issues a public invitation, following a decision of the EOPYY Board of Directors, which is published on the EOPYY website, inviting public and private Healthcare Units, regardless of whether or not they are contracted with EOPYY, to participate in the Action.

11. By joint decision of the Ministers of Health, Finance and Digital Governance, the procedural stages of the implementation of the Action, the criteria for the inclusion of beneficiaries in the scope hereof, the conditions and framework for the participation of beneficiaries and Health Care Units in the Action, the prices for compensation of medical visits, acts and examinations of para. 9, the procedure for verification, compensation and payment of the costs referred to in para. 9, the financing of the costs of para. 9, which are covered by resources of the European Union Recovery and Resilience Fund, as defined in Article 12 of the Decision of the Deputy Minister of Finance (B'4498), in relation to data 119126 EX 2021/28.9.2021, on the system of management and control of the Actions and Projects of the Recovery and Resilience Fund, as well as any other technical or detailed issues for the implementation hereof.

Article 37

Regulation of spending issues of the National Health System hospitals, Health Regions, Health Centres, Military Hospitals and the Army Equity Fund Hospital - Amendment of Article 25 of Law 4494/2017.

1. The validity of para. 2 of Article 17 of Law 4332/2015 (A' 76), concerning the legalisation of expenses for the payment of obligations of the hospitals of the National Health System, the regulations of The Health Regions are extended, from its expiry, until the publication of the present.

2. The validity of Article 10 of Law 4737/2020 (A'204), concerning the legalisation of health centres' expenses for the examination of samples of biological material from suspected cases of the COVID-19 coronavirus, is extended from its expiry date until the publication of this article.

3. The validity of article 39, paragraph 2 of law 4715/2020 (A' 149), concerning the settlement and payment of hospital expenses for the examination of samples of biological material from suspected cases of COVID-19 coronavirus, is extended, from its expiry date, until the publication of the present document.

4. The validity of para. 28 of Article 66 of Law 3984/2011 (A' 150), regarding the legalisation of the expenses arising from the supplies of the Hospitals of the National Health System, including the Psychiatric and University Clinics, the Aretaeio and Aeginitio Hospitals, the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Centre and the Papageorgiou Hospital of Thessaloniki, is extended, from its expiry, until the publication hereof.

5. Article 25 of Law 4494/2017 (A' 165) is amended in terms of term and reads as follows:

"Article 25

Payment of military hospital and Army Equity Fund Hospital expenses

The costs of supply of medicines, medical supplies, orthopaedic material, chemical reagents and provision of services of military hospitals and the Army Equity Fund Hospital (NIMTS), which took place as of 2.2.2021, i.e. from the day following the publication of Law 4771/2021 (A' 16), until the publication hereof, may be paid, notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 66, 68 and 132 of Law 4270/2014 (A' 143), Law 4412/2016 (A' 147) and Presidential Decree 80/2016 (A' 145)".

Article 38

Provisions for the personal physician - Amendment of article 5, paragraphs 3 and 4 of law 4238/2014. In article 5 of law 4238/2014 (A' 38), concerning the personal physician, the following amendments are made:

(a) Paragraph ca. c) Amendment No 3 and para. Amendment No 3 reads as follows:

"3. The personal physician shall be freely chosen by the citizen and shall be:

a) a doctor from the branch of doctors of the National Health System (ESY), providing and rendering services in the Health Centres, in the Local Health Units (To.M.Y.) and in other public units of P.P.Y., with registered population,

b) a doctor providing services in the context of the operation of the Local Health Teams of Article 106 of Law 4461/2017 (A' 38), with a registered population,

c) a doctor exercising a liberal profession, maintaining a private practice, in accordance with the provisions in force, and contracting with the National Organisation for the Provision of Health Services (EOPYY) as a personal doctor, with a registered population, exceptionally and only for the needs hereof, regardless of whether he/she already contracts or already receives a monthly salary or monthly salaries from public sector bodies, as defined in ca. a' of para. 1 of article 14, para. 1 of law 4270/2014 (A' 143), or legal persons under private law in the public sector that are not included in the General Government, as defined in the previous article".

(b) Paragraph 1, first subparagraph, Amendment 4 is amended with the addition of specialists at work, and paragraph 4 reads as follows:

"4. Personal physicians shall be physicians specialising in general/family medicine or in internal medicine or occupational specialists for the adult population. By decision of the Minister of Health, ordinary private physicians may be appointed as personal physicians, who are not subject to the provisions of the Ministry of Health. a) to c) of para. 3, both in these specialties and in other specialties for the adult population, in particular when the specialization is linked to the follow-up of citizens suffering from chronic diseases, and paediatricians for the minor population."

Article 39

Extension of the duration of secondments to the Central Service of the Ministry of Health

Secondments to the Central Service of the Ministry of Health of employees of legal entities supervised by the Ministry of Health, which have been carried out in accordance with Law 4440/2016 (A' 224), may be renewed as of their expiry, including the three-month extension of their duration in accordance with Article 12 para. 5 of Law 4440/2016, and for one (1) year thereafter. The extension of the secondment shall be effected, notwithstanding the provisions applicable to secondments, by decision of the competent body of the Ministry of Health, at the request of the seconded official.

Article 40

Extension of the Central Health Council's mandate

The mandate of the Central Health Council, which was constituted by the decision of the Secretary General of the Ministry of Health under data A1b / G.P.oik.33401 / 13.5.2019 on "Formation and appointment of members of the Central Health Council (KE.S.Y.)" (SAA: 6BIL- 465PHYO-CMF), which had already been extended by Article 40 of the law 4937/2022 (A' 106), is extended from its expiry until 30.9.2022.

PART E'

URGENT REGULATION OF COMPETENCES OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

Article 41

Extension of the deadline for lodging objections against the content of published forest maps within 2021

For forest maps, the publication of which has been implemented within the year 2021, the deadline for submitting objections referred to in the first paragraph of Article 15, paragraph 1 of Law 3889/2010 (A' 182), is extended from its expiry until 31 July 2022.

PART F

ENABLING AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 42

Enabling provisions

1. A decision of the Minister for Health shall determine its composition, term of office and renewal, the seat and mode of operation of the interdisciplinary committee referred to in Article 18, and the procedure for submitting applications to it.

2. The remuneration of the members of the interdisciplinary committee referred to in Article 18 shall be determined by joint decision of the Ministers for Health and Finance.

Article 43

Transitional provisions

1. The validity of Article 3 covers all women who reach the age of fifty-four years (54 years and 0 days) during the year 2022.

2. (d) Article 4 shall also apply to genital cryopreservations existing at the time of entry into force of this Regulation.

PART VII

ENTRY INTO FORCE

Article 44

Entry into force

This agreement shall enter into force upon its publication in the Official Journal, unless otherwise specified in its individual provisions.

We order the publication hereof in the Government Gazette and its execution as a law of the State.

Athens, 20 July 2022



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