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CLIENT ALERT

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ADJUSTMENTS IN MEDICINE PRICES SUSPENDED

By means of Provisional Measure nº 933, of March 31, 2020, ("MP nº 933/2020"), the President of Brazil determined that the prices of medicine must not be adjusted in the next 60 days. This is another measure adopted by the federal government in response to the COVID-19 epidemic.

The Chamber for Drugs Market Regulation ("CMED"), created by Law No. 10,742, of October 6, 2003, regulates medication pricing in Brazil. It is this body that determines the maximum prices that may be charged by manufacturers and distributors, as well as pharmacies and drugstores. These amounts are calculated based on the percentage of annual adjustment authorized by CMED, disclosed at the end of March of each year.

It is worth noting that charging for medicine in amounts above the maximum allowed is a sanitary violation and may result in the application of penalties by CMED and other sanctions provided for in art. 56 of Law No. 8,078, September 11, 1990 (Consumer Protection Code).

Since the legal act that determined the suspension in the price adjustment is a provisional measure, it is still subject to amendments (which must be presented by April 6) and to the vote of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate.

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