

Situation in the Czech health sector in the period May - September 2024

Our spring fears about the Minister of Health's lackadaisical approach to the unified remuneration act have unfortunately come true in full. After more than 9 months of negotiations that have led nowhere, we have not reached an agreement on the amount of income for health care workers, nor have legislative measures been adopted to allow the promised changes to take effect from 1 January 2025. As we foresaw this situation, we hired a PR agency that we cooperated with already in 2011. As a part of the "Promise does not cure" campaign, we have decided to repeat the termination of overtime as of October 31, 2024.

If the above-mentioned activities do not lead to the fulfilment of our repeatedly declared demands, we have no other choice but to take more resolute steps. All in cooperation with other medical staff and with the support of the Czech Medical Chamber.

The government party is deliberately giving false information about the progress of the negotiations in an attempt to turn the public against the health workers.

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Update as of 16.9.2024: In view of the current situation with catastrophic flooding across Europe, we will postpone our action.

About the further progress I will inform you at the October FEMS meeting in Rome.

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