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Dear Ms. Thürlemann,

Reference no: Mam

In response to your letter of September 28, 2020 I would like to kindly provide you with the requested information regarding the medication and treatment services applicable to 55-year old Georgian citizen with POEMS syndrome, within the competence of the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia:

In general, treatment of the POEMS syndrome in Georgia is possible, however it requires multidiscipline approach (neurology, endocrinology, cardiology) and therefore, it is quite difficult to organize. The treatment could be provided in multi-profile clinics, such as: High Technology Medical Centre, University Clinic (address: Tsinandali str. 9, Tbilisi), "New Hospitals" (address: Krtsanisi str. 12 Tbilisi).

The medications: **Aspirine Cardio 100mg, Atorvastatin 10 mg, Ramipril 5 mg, Hydrocortisone 10 mg, Nexium mups 40 mg** are registered and available in Georgian pharmaceutical market. **Tirosint 112 mcg, Dafalgan 0.5 g, Movicol powder, Calcimagon-D3 Fort 1000/800, Lixiana 60 mg, Laxoberon** are not registered. However, there are analogues to these medications, except of **Movicol powder**, which are registered and available in local pharmacies.

As for the medication **Tramal 50 mg** (tramadol) which contains narcotic substance, currently only injection form (Tramadol) is available in Georgia.

According to the national legislation, patient is allowed to bring into the territory of Georgia certain amount (10 commercial packages) of medicines including unregistered medicines of 2nd and 3rd group for personal use. Drugs, which contain narcotic substances, could be also imported into the territory of Georgia for individual use after submission all required documentation under the Order N01-32/N of the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia. In general, the cost of imported medicines should be covered by the patient.

The treatment service costs related to POEMS syndrome is not covered under the Universal Health Care program.

Hereby, please be informed that financing of the services that are not covered under the State Health Program could be considered and reimbursed by the decision of the "Referral Service Commission" created under the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia. Also, it should be noted that the referral service program does not imply full or partial funding of all patients treatment services.

Sincerely yours,

