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Subject: Reference to RK-10-516.80 E Niereninsuffizienz mit FSGS

Dear Mr. Gruttke,

Let me express the assurance of my highest respect and acknowledgments for continuous support, reliable partnership, and fruitful collaboration for over the years.

Herewith, let me kindly provide you with the requested information within the competence of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia:

Treatment with Hemodialysis is available in Georgia within the framework of the state program "Dialysis and Renal Transplantation", which aims to maintain and improve the health condition of patients with terminal renal insufficiency.

The beneficiaries of the program are citizens of Georgia who are suffering from renal impairment and / or organ transplanted citizens, as well as other persons in penitentiary establishments, regardless of the official document provided by the legislation asserting the identification.

In addition, for the purposes of the program, citizens of Georgia means the persons with the document certifying Georgian citizenship (Including children under the age of 18 - personal number or birth certificate), Persons with a neutral identity card, persons having neutral travel documents, stateless persons in Georgia, persons seeking asylum in Georgia, refugees or persons having humanitarian status.

In accordance with the rules of movement of the users and procedures for the Registry of Patients of the Ensuring Hemodialysis prosess, to recognize a person as a user, an individual or trustee should submit a certificate of health status - Form  $N^{\circ}IV-100$  / A, a copy of Identity card (In case of citizens under the age 18, a birth certificate is permissible) to the respective implementer of the program/subprogram. The person of the trustee should fill an application form. The application indicates the list of delivery companies of the component. The choice of the applicant is carried out by the priority, not more than 3 (three) suppliers.

The implementer of the program shall inform the beneficiaries about the existing technical resources of the suppliers considering the geographical availability. Also the implementer of the program ensures to notify the person as a user and issues the relevant consent letter in writing not more than 10 working days from receiving the application. In addition, on the basis of the letter of consent, the beneficiary shall apply to the supplier institution of the program to obtain appropriate medical care.

Within the state program the cost of one session of hemodialysis is determined by 41 GEL. Annually for each beneficiary no more than 157 sessions of hemodialysis will be funded (39/40 sessions in a quarter). In addition, according to the National Recommendation (Guideline) of Clinical Practice, if the Additional Session (s) is required within the implementation of the Program, the supplier is obliged to provide services for free.

Please be informed that at present, hemodialysis is available in the nearest medical facilities near Tskaltubo Municipality, namely: Representation of LTD "Metaco" in Georgia (Kutaisi, N72 / d, Galaktion Tabidze Street), Unimedi Adjara LTD - Oncology Center (Kutaisi, N85 Javakhishvili Street); LTD "Nephrology and Dialysis Clinic" (Samtredia, N53 Chanturia street).

Sincerely yours,

