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From:

Georgios Patoulis, M.D.

President of the Athens Medical Association

To:

Boston Children's Hospital

To the Attention of:

Mr. Ruben Rojas, Team Leader, International Health Services

Mrs. Angela L. Marquez, Director, International Revenue Cycle

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,

I represent the Athens Medical Association, the largest Scientific Association in Greece, counting 25,000 members.

I know there has been some communication already (please see attached) and you have been made aware of this very sensitive issue that has arose recently regarding the 18-month-old boy Panagiotis-Raphael Glossiotis, who suffers from Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA).

I am respectfully contacting you, under my capacity as President, in order to kindly ask for a review of the cost of treatment for Panagiotis, as described to us using the medicine *Zolgensma*, which you recommended following a related request made by the patient's parents.

Unfortunately, the Greek Health Insurance System is unable to cover the cost of the treatment, due to the fact that it is still considered experimental.

Under very difficult conditions, the parents were able to raise about half of the amount that is required based on your projected calculations and suggested pricing.

Very respectfully, we would like to bring to your attention a similar case of a baby from Cyprus (Antonis Andreou), where you were kind enough to made a significant reduction / discount in the cost of treatment. Subsequently, we kindly request that you consider the possibility of lowering the cost for Panagiotis-Raphael as well, given the sensitive nature of the matter, the social responsibility and the wide response from the Greek citizens as a country.

Although Greek people are tormented by the financial crisis, they have wholeheartedly tried to gather the amount of money that you have requested by making donations towards this cause. Nevertheless, the total cost still remains prohibitive, while Panagiotis-Raphael's condition remains time-sensitive.

The Athens Medical Association is pleading to your humanitarianism and consideration and is respectfully asking for a re-estimation of the cost of treatment, so that baby Panagiotis-Raphael will be able to benefit from the avant-garde therapy that you can apply.

I remain at your disposal should you require anything additional from us, or me personally.

Yours sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Georgios Patoulis', is written over a horizontal line.

Georgios Patoulis, M.D.

President, Athens Medical Association