



07TH May, 2020

**THE HON. MINISTER
MINISTRY OF HEALTH
ACCRA**

Dear Sir,

WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPLY OF PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES TO HEALTH FACILITIES

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Ghana and the Chamber of Pharmacy Ghana have noted with great concern the failure of Health Care Facilities funded by the National Health Insurance Authority as well as the Regional Medical Stores and providers who are party to the framework contracts, to pay for pharmaceutical products supplied to them for more that twelve (12) calendar months.

The Chamber of Pharmacy, Ghana and the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Ghana do hereby call on government and the Honourable Minister of Health to as a matter of urgency to ensure that all monies owed to pharmaceutical companies are paid with immediate effect:

1. This will ensure that pharmaceutical companies are not forced to initiate supplies to the Service Providers in question based on bank guarantees and /or cash and carry as a mode of payment in their quest to ensure continuous service delivery as well as to avoid the collapse of their companies which are already distressed.
2. In the absences of the above, both entities will have no other option than to stop supplies on credit to ALL NHIA funded health facilities effective 1st July, 2020.

We urge Government, the Ministry of Health, National Health Insurance Authority, all Service Providers and stakeholders to treat this issue with the utmost urgency it deserves to prevent any imminent action that will affect the medicine supply chain adversely.

For the sake of transparency, we urge the Honourable Minister of Health to ensure that payment made by the National Health Insurance Authority to all Health Insurance Service Providers are published on a real time basis.

Thank you.

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