The authorization procedure for imported medicines in the Transnistrian region was re-discussed at the joint meeting of the working groups for healthcare, with the participation of the political representatives



A new meeting of healthcare experts was held today, September 5, 2022, with the participation of the coordinators of the sectoral working groups, political representatives in the negotiation process for the Transnistrian settlement and representatives of companies licensed in the pharmaceutical field.

The topic of the discussions concerned the authorization for the import of medicines that are not included in the national register and the difficulties faced by pharmaceutical distributors who intend to introduce them to the Transnistrian region.

During the meeting, the procedures and requirements that must be respected in this regard were reiterated, including from the perspective of compliance with quality, medical efficiency and health security standards, taking into account the rigors of the European Union and the World Health Organization to which the Republic of Moldova has adhered, especially in the context of obtaining the status of a candidate country for joining the European Union.

It was mentioned that the sustainable and viable solution to the issue of essential medicines' authorisation may occur once the registers and medical protocols are standardized throughout the country, as potential mechanisms of a provisional nature are not able to solve the existing difficulties in a complex and definitive manner.

It was stated that the meetings of the Commission for Medicines are convened several times a month, each case is thoroughly examined, and in the last 6 months over a thousand authorizations for the import of medicines have been issued to applicant companies in the region, and no cases of refusal have been found for requests aimed at supplying educational institutions and medical centers in the region.

Consultations and dialogue on this matter will continue during the next meetings that will be established in working regime.

