



SNS Partner Points Regime

Administrative Ruling no. 322-B/2024/1 and Administrative Ruling no. 322-C/2024/1, of December 10, came into force on December 11, 2024, establishing the SNS Partner Points ("PP-SNS") Regime for Residential Structures for Seniors (ERPI) and Nursing Homes (LR), as well as for the specificities of the inpatient units of the National Continuing Care Network (RNCC) and Palliative Care Units (UCP), respectively.

The PP-SNS regime established in these Administrative Rulings is comprised within the framework of the Health Emergency and Transformation Plan (PETS), in order to assure access to health care services adjusted to the needs of the population, and simplifying procedures relating to the care provided to the senior population.

*According to these Administrative Rulings, the healthcare units covered by this regime will now be allowed to **prescribe medicines and support products**, as well as **request complementary means of diagnosis and therapy (MCDT)**, functioning as PP-SNS.*

The classification of healthcare units as PP-SNS depends on compliance with the following legal requirements:

- a) ERPIs and LRs must have a cooperation agreement or be licensed by the Social Security Institute, I.P.;*
- b) RNCCs and UCPs must be registered and licensed or have a certificate of conformity appropriate to the type issued by the Health Regulatory Authority.*

*Prescriptions have to be made through the **Electronic Medical Prescription (PEM) platform** and depend on the assignment of the **prescription location code** by the Central Administration of the Health System, I.P. (ACSS, I.P.).*

*In addition, prescriptions and requisitions have to be **recorded in each patient's clinical file**, in compliance with the legal and regulatory provisions in force, including the Directorate-General for Health's Clinical Guidelines.*

*The **cost of medicines, support products and MCDTs** is covered:*

- a) **By the National Health Service**, in general terms, subject to the other established conditions, in the cases of ERPI and LR;*
- b) **On a shared basis, between the National Health Service and the inpatient unit**, by co-payment or moderating fee applied in general terms, in the case of the UCP-RNCCI, in accordance with the price list set out in Annex II of Administrative Ruling no. 322-C/2024/1, of December 10th.*

If you have any doubts or queries on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Health Law team at pbbbr - Sociedade de Advogados, SP, RL.

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