
Position of CF “Patients of Ukraine” on appointment of the Minister of Health of Ukraine

The situation in healthcare system of Ukraine is critical.

Despite public declarations of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the President of Ukraine, which are displayed in the Coalition Agreement and the Program of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Ministry have not done any reasonable steps towards health care reform, although it's been 7 months from the date of appointment of the Minister of Health OlexanderKvitashvili and his First Deputy OleksandraPavlenko.

Moreover, the annual government tenders for the procurement of medicines and vaccines which are essential for lives of thousands of seriously ill patients across Ukraine, have not yet started for 2015!

To the attention of all political parties, the Prime Minister of Ukraine and President of Ukraine:

The principle of political quotas, due to which Minister Kvitashvili and his First Deputy were appointed for their positions, has compromised itself! Moreover, inaction of the officials, who were appointed by the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko led to the lack of essential medications, and then – to disabilities and deaths of Ukrainian patients.

People, who assumed political responsibility for such appointments, should face their actions in front of the Ukrainian people. Patients don't need beautiful names and populist slogans, the need real reforms.

Considering the mentioned above, the position of CF “Patients Ukraine” on the appointment of a new Minister of Health is as follows:

We demand:

1. Abandon any political influence on the appointment of the Minister of the most important institution for Ukrainian people, and not to use the principle of political quotas in the appointment of the candidate for Acting Minister, as this principle has proved to be ineffective.
2. Urgently, through open competition, with the involvement of relevant NGOs and anti-corruption organizations, select the candidate for this post, who will temporarily undertake the duties of the Minister of Health. Make this process as open and transparent as possible, involving all relevant stakeholders.
3. The priority task of Acting Minister of Health is to provide the transfer of procurement of medicines and vaccines to international organizations in July-August this year, and so fulfill the Laws of Ukraine # 269-VIII from 19.03.2015 and # 332-VIII from 09.04.2015, which are recognized by the President as urgent and enshrined in the Coalition Agreement and the Program of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. Successful completion of this task will be an indicator based on which further decision on the entry of that person to the position of the Minister can be made. It will also help to initiate an effective reform in healthcare sector.