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Dear,

It is my great honor and pleasure as the introducer of the chapter Medicine, Pharmacy within the publication BUSINESS DIRECTORY OF NORTH MACEDONIA 2019 to give my review regarding the conditions, the development and the potentials of the healthcare system of the Republic of North Macedonia. Health is a fundamental value for every individual, and therefore for the society at large, and it should be based on and governed by a healthcare system defined by an appropriate healthcare policy. The priority in the vision of any healthcare policy should be to promote health and improve the healthcare system so that it meets the needs of the population. Health certainly affects the social status of the population, which is a prerequisite for the economic development of the country. The promotion of health and the improvement of the health status of the population requires simultaneous active approach in many areas and sectors, i.e. the goals of healthcare need to be defined in parallel with the country's macroeconomic goals. The healthcare system in the Republic of North Macedonia should be recognized by the comprehensiveness of the emphasized preventive healthcare, by providing expert and professional healthcare and by increased financing of healthcare. Building and strengthening of all health potentials, appropriate spatial facilities with state-of-the-art medical equipment and technology that will be in step with current medical knowledge and experience on the one hand, and permanent education of health workers and their professionalization on the other, are a guarantee of quality healthcare, whose focus of interest is the individual and his health. The development and strengthening of all segments of the healthcare system aim to ensure quality and dignified healthcare provided with superior quality, based on the creation of highly standardized conditions, modern procedures and protocols as well as competent staff, which is now a part of our everyday life.

The comprehensiveness of the social healthcare system, which prefers to care of the citizens by developing the network of preventive medicine, by building and developing healthcare stations, as well as by parallel development of secondary and tertiary healthcare, is a guarantee for the promotion and development of all segments of healthcare in the Republic of North Macedonia. Preventive and curative programs are a priority for the Ministry of Health, as well as the continuous upgrading and creation of new measures and challenges. In complex circumstances of intensive economic migrations, it is extremely important to take care of the overall professional and economic advancement of the existing medical staff, as well as to create conditions for stimulatory preparation of new staff by full scholarships for students in all fields of healthcare: medicine, dental medicine and pharmacy. In addition to the measures for stimulatory preparation of new staff in all fields of healthcare, the issue of professional and financial status of doctors, medical workers and all other healthcare employees, it is also necessary to raise the prevention of further economic migration of medical staff to the highest level. The intensive contacts with the international institutions in the field of healthcare as a part of the European Union and the World Health Organization (WHO) guarantee the accomplishment of the highest European and world standards in Macedonian healthcare. A major strategic challenge lies ahead of the Ministry of Health, even as a historic step, with the construction of the new University Clinical Center, which will lay the foundations of modern and integrated healthcare in the Republic of North Macedonia.

Respectfully,
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