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Dr. Sandra Adalgiza Alexiu  
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Romania

Dear Dr Alexiu

I note the plans of Romania's government, through the National Health Insurance House, to ask general practitioners to distribute and edit data on the new electronic insurance cards.

I have been advised that, for the distribution, general practitioners would have to pick up hundreds of cards from the NHIH office, handle patients coming without appointments "just to pick up the card", fill in paperwork, and delay consultations for actual medical conditions.

This seems a very unusual arrangement. General practitioners need to be able to focus on providing high quality primary care to their patients and their communities. General practitioners should not be expected to carry out clerical tasks for the national health insurance scheme, at the expense of providing high quality clinical care.

Yours sincerely,

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