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HEALTH IN LOMBARDY: THE CENSUS OF ACCREDITATIONS BEGINS



In view of the imminent tender for accreditation of private healthcare facilities, the Lombardy Region, in the Council meeting no. 82 of 5 August 2024, with resolution no. 2966 "Further determinations regarding the programming guidelines of the SSR for the year 2024. Third provision" lays the groundwork for the necessary adjustments. It is specified therein that "in order to monitor the number of active beds (accredited under contract and solvent), the accredited public and private hospital facilities will have to send a self-certification every quarter, instructions regarding the methods of collection and transmission will follow".

The Annual Law for the Market and Competition 2021 (Law no. 118/2022), in fact, has definitively established the competitive principle also in this matter, imposing on the regions that the accredited private entities have to be *"identified, for the purpose of stipulating contractual agreements, through transparent, fair and non-discriminatory procedures, subject to publication of a notice containing objective selection criteria by the regions (...). The selection of such entities must be carried out periodically"*.

The deadline for the adaptation of the regional system to the mentioned legislation, and the related implementational decree, was initially extended to 31 March 2024; following a further extension, provided for by the Milleproroghe decree, it is now postponed to 31 December 2024.

The Firm will carefully monitor the developments, keeping operators updated and remaining available for any legal assistance in the matter.

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