



Welcome Message to the participants of the Russian Health Care Week 2022

Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the Russian Federation Council Committee on Social Policy and myself, I would like to welcome you to Russian Health Care Week 2022.

This year has been a time of great trials and challenges for our country. Russian health care, like all sectors of the economy and social sphere, faced unprecedented sanctions. However, the unfriendly actions of Western countries have not only not halted the development of the health care system, but have prompted it to reboot and choose a way of import independence.

Thanks to the joint work of the Russian Government and the Parliament, a package of anti-sanctions measures in health care was adopted in the shortest possible time.

In addition, when the Russian Government was adopting a series of normative legal acts it took into account the proposals made by the Federation Council Committee on Social Policy on various issues related to the provision of pharmaceuticals and medical devices, including the reduction in the period of state registration of medical devices and equipment.

It is significant that in the new reality, Russian Health Care Week continues to be the largest and most comprehensive project in the field of medicine and health care, covering the whole industry, including science, practical medicine, medical training, health care digitalisation and much more.

The Week's programme includes more than 70 important events. Much attention will be paid to such areas as preventive medicine as well as to issues of active lifestyle and health promotion as the main elements of maintaining a long and vigorous life. These issues are also the focus of the Federation Council Committee on Social Policy.

I believe that Russian Health Care Week should become a platform for advocating a healthy lifestyle and promoting health-saving behaviour among Russians.

The Russian Federation Council, represented by the Federation Council Committee on Social Policy, traditionally supports Russian Health Care Week and is always open to constructive suggestions, including those relating to improving legislation on health protection.

The unique format of this December Week makes it possible to take stock of the past year and develop effective answers to the challenges facing the Russian health care industry.

Let me wish you every success and fruitful work!

Inna Svyatenko
Chair at the Russian Federation
Council Committee
on Social Policy

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