



Council of Ministers

Application of the Contingency Fund for the Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality approved

27 April 2012. The Council of Ministers has authorised the application of the Contingency Fund to finance a loan supplement for the Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality, for a total of €9,572,108.47 in accordance with the Madrid High Court ruling of 10 February 2010, ordering the Autonomous Region of Cantabria to pay the pharmaceutical costs corresponding to December 2001.

The ruling came following the appeal lodged by Cantabria on the grounds that, pursuant to Royal Decree 1472/2001 on the transfer of National Health Institute functions and services to the Autonomous Region of Cantabria, the central government was liable for payment of the costs incurred until 31 December 2001, including the pharmaceutical costs corresponding to December 2001.

The loan supplement will provide additional funds for the National Healthcare Management Institute which, having taken over from the former National Healthcare Institute, is responsible for settling the debt.