**Question for written answer E-004277/2026**
**to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: EU health workforce report

Parliament's resolution of 17 September 2026 entitled 'An EU health workforce crisis plan: sustainability of healthcare systems and employment and working conditions in the healthcare sector'[1] carried wording that urged the Commission and Member States to explore the flexibilities within the EU fiscal rules and assess the feasibility of excluding healthcare spending from austerity measures.

1. Can the Commission outline whether it will act on this call by Parliament and explore flexibilities within the EU fiscal rules with regard to healthcare spending?

2. If the Commission is prepared to act, can it provide a timeline?

3. If the Commission is not prepared to act on this call by Parliament, can it outline its rationale?

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[1] Texts adopted, P10_TA(2026)0312.