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SICKNESS EXPENSES DURING A TEMPORARY STAY IN ANOTHER
COMMUNITY COUNTRY

Under the social security regulations of the European Communities for migrant workers, insured persons - whether employed workers or pension holders, and members of their family - who go to stay in a Community country other than the one in which they live, may receive sickness insurance benefits if they need immediate medical attention during their stay.

What are the formalities?

Before going on holiday, those concerned must obtain Form E 111 certifying their right to sickness insurance benefits.

This form may be obtained from the organisation with which they are covered for sickness insurance.

In the event of sickness or accident during a stay in another Community country, those concerned must apply to the nearest competent sickness insurance organisation, taking Form E 111 with them. These organisations are listed on the back of the form.

This form is not required when staying in the United Kingdom, nor is it needed by nationals of the United Kingdom staying in Denmark or Ireland.

What are the benefits?

Sickness expenses (medical care, medicines, hospital treatment, etc.) will be paid by the insurance organisation at the place where the insured person is staying, in accordance with the system in force in that country. This organisation will supply all necessary particulars.

Generally speaking, in Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, medical care is given free by doctors approved by the insurance organisations. Medicines are also provided free in the Netherlands and in Ireland. In the other countries insured persons are required to make a (non-recoverable) contribution.

In Belgium, France and Luxembourg the insured person must normally pay all or part of the costs incurred and is then reimbursed by the competent sickness insurance organisation at the place where he is staying, in accordance with the scale applied to persons insured with that organisation.

Moreover, if, during his stay, sickness or accident renders him unfit for work, the worker may receive the daily benefits provided for under the regulations of the country where he is insured. The worker must inform the insurance organisation at the place where he is staying, by submitting a medical certificate of unfitness for work, and he must be examined by its medical adviser. This organisation will then request the organisation with which the worker is insured for cash payment of the benefits. The latter, if the worker is so entitled, will pay him the benefits by international money order or through the organisation at the place where he is staying.