



HEALTHCARE RIGHTS IN THE EU PART ONE

**I am working in one EU Country and Living in Another.
You are entitled to healthcare in both countries.**

What should I do?

1. Register in the country where you are working.
2. Obtain the S1 form from the health authority, which will enable you to register for healthcare in the country where you work.
3. Your dependents will also have the entitlement if you live and work in: Austria, Germany, Portugal, Belgium, Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Slovakia, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Malta, France and Poland.

Those who live and work in: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, or the United Kingdom your dependents cannot have 2 health insurance cards. They can receive treatment in the country where you work only when one of the following conditions is met: treatment becomes necessary on medical grounds during their stay in that country, taking into account the nature of the treatment and the expected length of the stay.

There is an agreement between the countries/authorities concerned.

Prior authorisation has been granted using [form S2 \(former E 112 form\)](#) issued by the health insurance authority in the country where you live.

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4. Caring for sick children — As a cross-border commuter, if you take time off work to care for a sick child, check with your health insurance whether you qualify for benefits. You may not if your child is insured together with your partner in the country where you live.

National healthcare systems differ greatly within Europe.

EU countries are free to establish their own rules on entitlement to benefits and services. For example, if you apply for medical care in the country where you now live, you probably won't be entitled to exactly the same services for the same price as in your country of origin.

To avoid potentially serious problems and misunderstandings, find out about the [social security system in your host country](#) or contact [National Contact Point](#).

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