



Information about the S2 form and its use

1. The S2 form

The S2 form allows a person insured in an EU country⁽¹⁾ to prove their entitlement to planned (or “scheduled”) health treatment in another EU country. If you go to another country to obtain healthcare treatment the cost will only be covered by your healthcare institution if you have asked for permission from it beforehand (prior authorization). However, in cases where the treatment required is provided for by your country but not available within the necessary time with regard to your current state of health, permission may not be refused.

2. Where and when to obtain your S2 form

You should apply for the S2 form at the healthcare institution of your place of residence⁽²⁾.

You should obtain the S2 form before leaving for your planned treatment.

3. Use of the S2 form

You should present your S2 to the appropriate healthcare institution in the country where you will receive the planned treatment.

A full list of institutions in both the issuing and host countries can be found at <http://ec.europa.eu/social-security-directory>.

In many cases of planned treatment, the host institution will be known in advance and the issuing institution will have already advised you to whom you should present the S2.

4. Treatment provided

Treatment will be provided under the same conditions of care and payment as to nationals of the country where the treatment is given. This could mean you have to pay a part of the costs upfront.

Example of the use of the S2

- Your healthcare institution could provide the treatment you require, as it is covered by the national legislation, but not within the necessary time which is medically justifiable. An S2 is issued to you to enable you to receive this treatment in another country.

5. Supplementary payments

In some situations you can also apply for an additional reimbursement in the country where you are insured. Your healthcare institution will advise on this as appropriate.

⁽¹⁾ In the following text, the terms “EU Country” or “EU Member State” will also refer to Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland as soon as Regulations 883/2004 and 987/2009 become applicable to them.

⁽²⁾ In Spain, the form is issued by the Provincial Head Office of the National Institute for Social Security or, if appropriate, by the Social Institute for Mariners.