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ANNOUNCEMENT

RIGHT TO EMERGENCY AND NECESSARY HEALTHCARE OF HIFM'S INSUREDS ABROAD

The **Health Insurance Fund of Macedonia** shall notify all insureds that **during their holidays** they can exercise their **rights to emergency and necessary healthcare** using the bilingual form outside the territory of Republic of Macedonia in the following 17 states: Germany, Austria, Turkey, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium, France, Italy, Slovakia and Albania.

Emergency and necessary healthcare means using healthcare services whose provision cannot be postponed until the expected return to Republic of Macedonia.

For this purpose, before traveling abroad, HIFM's insureds should contact the regional office of HIFM, where their application for compulsory healthcare insurance has been submitted, and fill-out the Application (PP1) for issuing a bilingual form for exercising the right to healthcare insurance during a temporary stay (private or business trip, study trips, education, vocational training, residential stay for the purpose of international - technical, scientific and cultural cooperation, etc.) in one of the afore mentioned states.

The application shall be accompanied by the following documentation:

- 1. Health certificate issued by the selected physician (general practitioner and gynaecologist for women); and
- 2. Finding, evaluation and opinion of the HIFM's medical commission.

The bilingual form for HIFM's insureds serves as a temporary health card in the country of travel and on its grounds HIFM's insureds are equal in terms of their rights and obligations to the insureds of said country. This means that on the grounds of the bilingual form, HIFM's insureds will be able to use the emergency and necessary healthcare services and they will have to pay only the co-payment amount, hospital day or the like, if the legislation of the country of stay provides that. Otherwise, HIFM's insureds shall not be subject to any costs for using the emergency healthcare services.

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