



### **What is the European Health Insurance Card?**

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is a document which certifies that the holder is entitled to receive state-provided medically necessary healthcare during a temporary stay in any of the EU countries, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, under the same conditions and at the same cost (free in some countries) as people insured in that country.

### **What is covered by the European Health Insurance Card?**

The EHIC gives access to any state-provided medical treatment that becomes necessary during your stay because of either illness or an accident. It includes treatment of a chronic or pre-existing medical condition that becomes necessary during your visit.

Presenting the EHIC to health care providers entitles you to treatment that may become necessary during your trip, but does not allow you to go abroad specifically to receive medical care. However, maternity care, renal dialysis and managing the symptoms of pre-existing or chronic conditions that arise while abroad are all covered by the EHIC. Your European Health Insurance Card should cover you for routine maternity care while you are away. However, if you are going to Lithuania specifically to have your baby, you will need an [E112/S2](#) or [S1](#) form (in Lithuanian).

It is important to be aware, that the European Health Insurance Card gives access to reduced-cost or free medical treatment from state healthcare providers and allows you to be treated on the same basis as a resident of the country you are visiting i.e. you may have to pay a patient contribution (co-payment).

More information can be found on the [website of the European Commission](#).

Remember to check that your European Health Insurance Card is still valid before you travel!

### **What is not covered by the European Health Insurance Card?**

- The European Health Insurance Card is not a substitute or replacement for private travel insurance. You should always take out an appropriate private policy in addition to carrying your card.
- It will not cover the costs of private healthcare or services that are not part of the state healthcare system.
- It will not cover the costs of being repatriated to your home country.
- It will not allow you to go abroad specifically to receive treatment (including going abroad to give

birth).

- It does not guarantee free services. As each country's healthcare system is different, services that cost nothing at home might not be free in another country.

### **What to do if I forgot to bring my EHIC?**

If medical treatment becomes medically necessary during your stay in Lithuania, but you forgot to bring your EHIC card with you, you might have to pay for the treatment and later claim for reimbursement. Make sure you keep all the receipts and bills. You will have to provide them at your country of insurance.

[More about EHIC.](#)

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