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On the provision of medical care to foreign citizens, stateless persons and refugees

* 1. General Provisions

This Instruction shall specify the terms and conditions for the provision of medical care to foreign citizens, stateless persons and refugees by the medical specialists of the Republican Research and Practice Mental Health Center.

Foreign citizens and stateless persons permanently residing in the Republic of Belarus shall have the right to be provided with affordable medical care equal to that of the citizens of the Republic of Belarus, unless otherwise provided for by the legal acts of the Republic of Belarus and international agreements of the Republic of Belarus.

Foreign citizens and stateless persons temporarily staying or temporarily residing in the Republic of Belarus shall be entitled to be provided with medical care on a paid basis unless otherwise provided for by the international agreements of the Republic of Belarus. The terms and conditions for the provision of medical care to foreign citizens under the international agreements shall be specified in Tables 1, 2 and 3 herein.

* 1. Provision of Medical Care to the Citizens of the CIS-Member States

(Table 1)

The citizens of the CIS-member states (Republic of Armenia, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Moldova, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Uzbekistan, Ukraine) shall be provided in accordance with the Agreement on provision of medical care to the citizens of the CIS member states dated March 27, 1997 (hereinafter refereed to as Agreement). The Republic of Azerbaijan failed to sign the Agreement.

According to the Agreement, any citizen of the CIS-member states shall be provided immediately, free-of-charge and in full with urgent or emergency care, if a sudden acute condition or disease threatens a patient’s life or other people’s health, in case of an accident, intoxication, injury, delivery or emergency conditions during pregnancy, in the territory of the state, where the citizen temporarily stays and at any healthcare institution regardless of its legal form, departmental subordination and form of incorporation.

Table 1: provision of medical care to the citizens of the CIS-member states

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| CIS state | Citizens, who have permanent residence cards | | Citizens, who do not have permanent residence cards | |
| Urgent and emergency medical care | Planned medical care | Urgent and emergency medical care | Planned medical care |
| Azerbaijan 1, 2,3 | free-of-charge | free-of-charge | paid (under an insurance policy or at a citizen’s expense) | paid |
| Armenia | free-of-charge4 (until a patient’s condition no longer threatens its life or health of other people) | paid4 | free-of-charge (until a patient’s condition no longer threatens its life or health of other people) | paid (an employer shall pay for medical care, if a citizen temporary stays in a state and works under contract (employment agreement) in accordance with the procedure and to the extent specified in the contract (employment agreement) or a citizen shall pay for medical care itself) |
| Kazakhstan |  |
| Kyrgyzstan |  |
| Moldova |  |
| Tajikistan |  |
| Uzbekistan |  |
| Ukraine4,13 |  |
| Russia1, 2, 5 | free-of-charge | free-of-charge | free-of-charge  (until a patient’s condition no longer threatens its life or health of other people) | paid  Except for:  - the Heroes of the Soviet Union, Cavaliers of the Order of Glory of three classes;  - the citizens employed with the companies of the Republic of Belarus under employment agreements;  - the citizens with socially dangerous diseases (until a patient’s condition no longer threatens its life or health of other people) |
| Turkmenistan10 | free-of-charge | free-of-charge | free-of-charge | paid |

* 1. Provision of Medical Care to the Citizens of non-CIS countries

(Table 2)

The citizens of non-CIS countries shall be provided with medical care on a paid basis, except for the citizens of the countries, which entered into international agreements.

Table 2: provision of medical care to the citizens of non-CIS countries

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| CIS state | Citizens, who have permanent residence cards | | Citizens, who do not have permanent residence cards | |
| Urgent and emergency medical care | Planned medical care | Urgent and emergency medical care | Planned medical care |
| Georgia1, 2, 3 | free-of-charge | free-of-charge | paid (under insurance policy or at own expense) | paid |
| The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 7 | free-of-charge | free-of-charge | free-of-charge | paid |
| Socialist Republic of Vietnam 8 | free-of-charge | free-of-charge | free-of-charge (to such extent that a patient may return to the native country without any negative effect to its health) | paid |
| Syrian Arab Republic 9 | free-of-charge | free-of-charge | paid (under insurance policy or at own expense) | paid |
| Argentina  Brazil  Jordan  Lebanon  Serbia  Montenegro  Bosnia and Herzegovina 11 | free-of-charge | free-of-charge | free-of-charge | paid |

* 1. Provision of medical care to stateless persons and refugees

(Table 3)

Stateless persons and refugees shall be provided with medical care in accordance with Law No.105-3 as of January 4, 2010 “On the legal status of foreign citizens and stateless persons in the Republic of Belarus” and Law No. 354-З as of June 23, 2008 “On granting of refugee status to foreign citizens and stateless persons and on interim protection in the Republic of Belarus”.

Table 3: provision of medical care to stateless persons and refugees

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| Category of citizens | Urgent and emergency medical care | Planned medical care |
| Foreign citizens applying for protection2, 12 | free-of-charge | paid |
| Foreign citizens granted refugee status 2, 12 | free-of-charge | free-of-charge |
| Minor foreign citizens applying for protection and/or granted refugee status 2, 12 | free-of-charge (on equal terms with the minor citizens of the Republic of Belarus) | free-of-charge (on equal terms with the minor citizens of the Republic of Belarus) |

According to Decree No.420 of the President of the Republic of Belarus as of August 30, 2014 “On staying of the citizens of Ukraine in the Republic of Belarus”, the citizens of Ukraine and stateless persons, who reside in Donetsk Region or Luhansk Region of Ukraine for at least one year and and come to the Republic of Belarus with a view to applying for a temporary residence permit or a permanent residence permit , shall be not pay for the following medical services provided at the state healthcare institutions:

* issue of a health certificate, confirming that a citizen does not have any of the diseases from the list of socially dangerous diseases;
* issue of a health certificate during pre-employment health checkups.

A foreign citizen temporary staying or temporary residing in the Republic of Belarus shall have a compulsory health insurance contract.

If a foreign citizen apply for medical care in-person or is delivered to a healthcare institution by an emergency team, the medical staff of the healthcare institution shall:

* confirm the foreign citizen’s identity;
* learn whether the foreign citizen has an insurance policy or a compulsory health insurance contract.

CJSC Your Assistance shall coordinate the provision of medical care to foreign citizens under the compulsory health insurance contracts in the Republic of Belarus.

If a foreign citizen has a compulsory health insurance contract, the staff of a healthcare institution shall inform CJSC Your Assistance by phone on the admission of an insured person, name of a foreign insurance company (foreign citizen’s insurer) and insurance contract (insurance policy) number on the day of admission of the foreign citizen (or on the nearest working day, if the foreign citizen is admitted on a day-off).

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**Note:**

The list of regulations for the provision of medical care to foreign citizens in the Republic of Belarus:

1. Law No.2435-ΧΙΙ as of June 18, 1993 “On Public Health” (as amended and supplemented on June 10, 2012);
2. Law No.164-3 as of June 16, 2014 “On the amendments and supplements to the Law “On Public Health”;
3. Law No.105-3 as of January 4, 2010 “On the legal status of foreign citizens and stateless persons in the Republic of Belarus”;
4. Agreement on the provision of medical care to the citizens of the CIS-member states as of March 27, 1997
5. Agreement made in Saint-Petersburg between the Government of the Republic of Belarus and the Government of the Russian Federation on the provision of medical care dated January 1, 2006 (effective as of March 6, 2008);
6. Decree No.530 of the President of Belarus as of August 25, 2006 “On insurance activities”;
7. Agreement made between the Government of the USSR and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the cooperation in medical science and healthcare as of February 17, 1975;
8. Agreement made between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus and the Ministry of Health of Socialist Republic of Vietnam on the cooperation in medical science and healthcare as of April 16, 2002;
9. Agreement made between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus and the Ministry of Syrian Arab Republic on the cooperation in medical science and healthcare as of December 9, 2003;
10. Memorandum made between the Government of the Republic of Belarus and the Government of Turkmenistan on the cooperation in healthcare, medical (pharmaceutical) science, education and on the provision of medical care to the citizens of the Republic of Belarus and Turkmenistan;
11. Letter No.19-18/11086-к as of November 13, 2006 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus “On the provision of medical care to foreign citizens (stateless persons, etc.) in the Republic of Belarus in accordance with the applicable international agreements”;
12. Law No.354-З as of June 23, 2008 “On granting of refugee status to foreign citizens and stateless persons and on interim protection in the Republic of Belarus”;
13. Decree No.420 of the President of the Republic of Belarus as of August 30, 2014 “On staying of the citizens of Ukraine in the Republic of Belarus”;
14. Letter No.30-3-11/2723 as of October 3, 2014 of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus “On unconditional cooperation”;
15. Letter No.13-1-41/311 as of September 29, 2014 of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Belarus “On the procedure for the cooperation between the assistance company and healthcare providers”;
16. Letter No.30-3-11/823/832 as of October 3, 2014 of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus “On cooperation”.