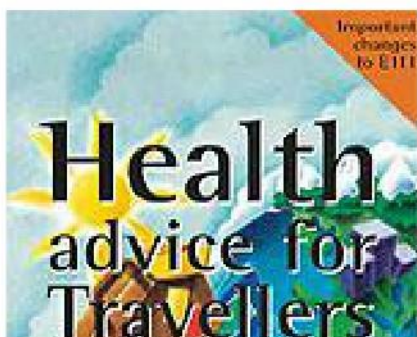


E111 - EHIC important information



If you are a UK resident you are entitled to any medical treatment which becomes necessary, free or at a reduced cost, when temporarily visiting a European Union (EU) country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland. Only treatment provided under the state scheme is covered. However to obtain treatment you will need to have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which you can get, free of charge, using any of the three options listed below.

As a result of changes to European law the new Card replaces the old E111 form.

If you are planning to travel in Europe you **MUST** apply for the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

The EHIC plastic card is issued on an individual, as opposed to a family, basis. However, you will only need to make one application in order to receive EHICs for you, your spouse/partner and children up to 16 (or 19 if still at school).

The easiest and quickest way to get the new card is to **apply online** and your card will be delivered within **14 days**. Download through the following link:
<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/Pages/About.aspx>

Alternatively, **apply by phone 0845 606 2030** and receive your card within **14 days**.

Or **apply by post** using a form at the **Post Office** to receive your card within **21 days**.

In all the above cases you will need the full name and date of birth of each applicant in your family together with their NHS or NI number.

Note that in Scotland the NHS is known as the CHI (Community Health Index) number and in Northern Ireland it is the Health & Care number. See what joys devolution has brought...



Getting treatment in Europe

The EHIC gives rights to treatment during a temporary visit throughout the European Economic Area (EEA). The EEA consists of the 25 member states of the European Union plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway. *Note that Romania, Livigno and Andorra do not currently fall within the EEA but the following do: Slovenia, Slovakia, Poland, Latvia, Luxembourg & Liechtenstein. If in doubt check the Government website (details above) or phone the **EHIC helpline 0845 605 0707**.*

If you or any of your dependants are suddenly taken ill or have an accident during a visit to any of the EEA countries, free or reduced-cost necessary treatment is available - in most cases on production of a valid EHIC. Only state-provided treatment is covered, and you will receive treatment on the same terms as 'insured' residents of the country you are visiting.

Note: Private treatment is generally not covered, and state provided treatment may not cover all the things that you would expect to receive free of charge from the NHS.

You are therefore strongly advised to take out additional Personal Travel Insurance.

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