LUCKY YOU HAD A EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD!

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YOUR FREE PASSPORT TO HEALTHCARE IN 31 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Whether you're travelling for business, pleasure or to study abroad, you never know when you might need medical care. With a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) you don't have to worry.

→ The card makes visiting a state-run hospital, doctor's surgery or dental practice in 31 European countries easier and means you'll be treated in the same way as someone who lives in that country.

→ Better still, you'll pay the same price for your treatment as the locals – which, in some countries, means you might not have to pay anything.

It couldn't be simpler or more cost-effective.

WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THE CARD?

Anyone who is insured by or covered by a state social security system of one of the 27 EU Member States or a citizen of Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway or Switzerland.

WILL MY PARTNER AND CHILDREN NEED SEPARATE CARDS?

Yes. Each member of your family needs a separate card.

WHAT SORT OF MEDICAL CARE DOES THE CARD COVER?

It covers state-run healthcare which you may need during your trip, including maternal care for pregnant mothers and managing the symptoms of pre-existing or chronic conditions.

WHAT DOESN'T IT COVER?

The card does not cover private health care or repatriation costs, for example if you need to return home by air ambulance. You also cannot use the card if you are going abroad specifically to receive medical treatment.

Visit the EHIC website to find out more :
http://ehic.europa.eu

IS IT AN ALTERNATIVE TO PRIVATE TRAVEL INSURANCE?

Definitely not. It is complementary, not a substitute. For example, it will not cover the cost of lost or stolen property.

IN WHICH COUNTRIES CAN I USE AN EHIC?

The EHIC can be used in 31 countries in Europe, including: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lichtenstein, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN A CARD?

You can obtain a card free of charge by contacting your local health insurance institution as each individual country is responsible for producing and distributing the card in its own territory.

TRAVELLING IN EUROPE?

Avoid costly medical surprises by applying for your **FREE** European Health Insurance Card.

→ It's free.

→ It's easy to apply for.

→ And, above all, it could save you money.

→ More than 180 million people already have a European Health Insurance Card. Shouldn't you?

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