**General rules**

With an EHIC you will receive the necessary medical assistance in Slovakia. The doctor who provides the assistance is the one who decides which service is necessary for you. They take into account your state of health and the planned duration of your stay in Slovakia. When your health is in danger, you are entitled to the same services in the Slovak public health service as Slovak citizens – and on the same terms.

**How to receive treatment**

If you need medical assistance, take your EHIC, identity card or passport with you and go to the nearest health facility. It must have a contract with one of the five health insurance providers (*Zdravotna Poistovna*). You can find a list of such facilities at the offices of the insurance providers.

A GP may give you a referral to a consultant or hospital. Keep it – you will need it during the hospital admission. In an emergency, you can go to hospital without a referral or call the emergency number: 112.

**What you have to pay for**

In Slovakia, treatment provided by the GP, outpatient specialist care and hospital treatment are free of charge. However, you have to pay for certain services, although they are free in Poland. They are not reimbursed by the National Health Fund. Here are examples of paid services in Slovakia and their estimated costs:

* **dental treatment** – in emergency cases, a €2 fee is charged and the patient may pay for the materials used during treatment. Other services are paid for in full by the patient,
* **medical first‑aid service and hospital emergency room** (Lekárska služba prvej pomoci, Ústavná pohotovosť) – a fee of €2 or €10. The patient is exempt from this fee if, after examination, it becomes clear that they must remain in hospital,
* **hospital treatment** – is free of charge for the patient, but the person accompanying the patient in hospital is charged €3.30 per day,
* **paying for reimbursable medicines** – €0.17 per prescription. Prescription medicines can be free, part-paid or fully-paid,
* **medical transport** – €0.10 per kilometre. The fee is collected by the transport provider.
* **mountain rescue.**

Medical transport to Poland is fully paid for by the patient.

**Does the EHIC cover treatment for coronavirus?**

In Slovakia, if you get COVID‑19, you will receive assistance on the same terms as Slovak citizens. However, you will have to cover the costs of ambulance transport to Poland on your own.

**How to get a prescription**

If you need a prescription for medicines, you must go to a doctor who has a contract with a health insurance provider. You will then benefit from a reimbursement. Prescriptions for antibiotics are valid for 7 days, chemotherapeutics for 3 days and for medicines prescribed by the emergency department for 1 day.

**Can you be reimbursed for private treatment?**

All costs for medical treatment in Slovak facilities outside the public health system are covered by the patient.

When you return to Poland, you can apply for a reimbursement of the costs incurred. However, they will be reimbursed according to the Polish rates that apply in settlements between the Polish National Health Fund and Polish healthcare providers. The amount reimbursed may not exceed the actual expenditure incurred.

[Find out the conditions and procedure for claiming reimbursement for treatment in private facilities.](http://www.kpk.nfz.gov.pl/pl/leczenie-w-innym-panstwie/zwrot-kosztow-swiadczen.html)

**How to receive reimbursement of medical treatment costs**

In order to receive the money you paid for your treatment, submit a request for reimbursement to your National Health Fund branch. Attach original receipts, proof of payment and any other documents received from the doctor.

**Where to find more information**

More information about the health care system in Slovakia can be obtained from health insurance providers (zdravotná poisťovňa) or the liaison body:

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