



COVID-19 EU Emergency Assistance on Cross-Border Cooperation in Healthcare

Cross-border
Healthcare
Directive



Health and
Food Safety

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EU Coordination: Transfer of patient (& medical staff)

- Coordination of requests & offers of intensive care places
- Coordination & funding of emergency transport

How?

- Notification via the Early Warning and Response System (EWRS)
- National Contact Point: Health Security Committee



EU Funding: COVID- 19 Emergency Support Instrument

- Budget of 2.7 billion EUR
- Direct support to Member States to mitigate consequences of COVID-19
- 220 million EUR available for emergency transport of patients & medical staff & medical equipment
- Administrative & financial procedures under preparation.

COVID-19 - Reimbursement & healthcare arrangements

- Cross-border patients covered by Social Security Coordination Regulations 883/2004
- Prior Authorisation not considered pragmatical for emergency transfer of patient requiring critical care to another MS
- Competent MS to ensure patients carries document to attest healthcare coverage & decide on any other practical arrangements.
- Recognition of prescriptions under CBHC Directive



Regional Cross-Border Cooperation in Healthcare

- Welcome cross-border regional cooperation in healthcare during COVID-19 – #EU solidarity
- Coordination through existing cross-border healthcare partnerships
- Build on this cross-border cooperation
- Lessons learned – sharing your experiences with COVID-19