Cross-border healthcare in the EU

Unplanned necessary cross-border healthcare

242 million
European Health Insurance Cards in circulation

Upfront payment by the patient?
9 out of 10 claims for reimbursement settled among Member States

Planned cross-border healthcare

7 out of 100,000 persons received planned healthcare in another Member State

Most prominent flows

FR BE
BE LU
CH BE
LU DE
DE CH
AT BE

Healthcare provided to persons residing in a Member State other than the competent Member State

persons of working age and family members

74%

persons residing in a Member State other than the competent one

pensioners and family members

26%

Healthcare provided to persons residing in a Member State other than the competent one

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Planned cross-border healthcare

€ 4.5 billion

0.4 % of total healthcare spending in the EU

Under social security coordination in 2022

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