

## Other useful information...

In relationship to the Slovak Republic both states still use Czech and Slovakian domestic forms instead of E-forms for their mutual contact. In case of a change of place of residence to another Member State of persons insured in CR during a temporary incapacity for work, an agreement of ČSSZ is required, for which you apply via the competent regional office of ČSSZ.

For your identification to a physician abroad, personal identity papers (passport, ID card and EHIC\*) will serve. In case you decide to enforce a claim for sickness or maternity benefits in cash, you have to ask the physician to issue the necessary forms.

It is necessary that you make inquiries about your rights and obligations following from the insurance at a competent institution in the Member State, where you are insured. For this purpose, it is necessary to know the name and address of this institution and your insurance registration number.

ČSSZ will provide contact details of other foreign institutions, however, does not provide information about foreign sickness or health insurance.

\* EHIC = European Health Insurance Card



## Health insurance...

In case you are using health care in a different Member State than the one you are insured in, it is necessary that you prove your identity with the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). EHIC is in CR issued by health insurance companies, where you receive necessary information about the extent of provided health care in the individual Member States, as well as any possible deductible coinsurance etc.

## Provision of information...

### ★ Sickness and maternity benefits in cash

#### Czech Social Security Administration (ČSSZ)

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e-mail: [posta@cssz.cz](mailto:posta@cssz.cz), [www.cssz.cz](http://www.cssz.cz) the section European Union  
(bus 104, 120, 197, 231 – from station Na Křižovce)

#### Regional offices of ČSSZ

### ★ Sickness and maternity benefits in kind (health insurance)

#### Centre for International Reimbursements (CMU)

nám. W. Churchilla 2, 113 59 Praha 3  
e-mail: [info@cmu.cz](mailto:info@cmu.cz), [www.cmu.cz](http://www.cmu.cz)

#### Health insurance companies



## Sickness and Maternity Benefits in Cash

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## Sickness and Maternity Benefits...

Council Regulation (EEC) 1408/71 amongst others applies also to sickness and maternity benefits, which are divided into two groups:

★ **cash benefits** (i.e. in the Czech Republic sickness benefit, maternity benefit, compensatory benefit in pregnancy and maternity and financial aid during care for a member of family). Their objective is a substitution of income (salary, wage) in sickness or maternity; **they are within the competence of ČSSZ**

★ **benefits in kind** (for instance medical treatment, hospitalization, medications) **are within the competence of health insurance companies**, where they will provide you with relevant information

## Which state will pay your benefits out...

If you work or just live in another Member State\* (e.g. as a tourist or as a posted worker) and you remain insured in CR, the sickness and maternity benefits in cash will be provided to you from the Czech Republic, pursuant to the Czech legislation. The state of one's health will be assessed also pursuant to the Czech legislation, on the basis of medical documentation from another Member State. If you decide to work in another Member State and you are also sickness-insured in that state, you will receive sickness and maternity benefits, pursuant to legislation of that state.

*\*(from the point of coordination of social security, these are the EU states and Norway, Lichtenstein, Iceland)*

## Important principles...

★ **equality of treatment** – if you are insured in a Member State, you are subject to the same obligations and you benefit from the same sickness and maternity benefits following from this insurance as a national of the concerned state

★ **insurance in one Member State** – at the given moment, you can be insured only in one Member State

★ **export of benefits** – when you gain the entitlement to benefit in one Member State, the benefit will be paid to you even in the case that you move to another Member State

***Example:** You work and you are insured in the Czech Republic, but you live in the Slovak Republic. If you are entitled to maternity benefit in cash, pursuant to the Czech legislation, the benefits will be paid to you even if you decide to spend your maternity leave in your residence in Slovakia*

★ **aggregation of insurance periods** – if you do not gain the required period of insurance for right for cash benefits in sickness and maternity in a Member State, the periods of insurance gained in other Member States will be added up to the period of insurance in that state

***Example:** You were working and you were insured in Germany for a period of 26 months. Then you took a job in the Czech Republic. After 8 months of being employed in CR, you ask for maternity benefits for the reason of pregnancy. One of the conditions for an entitlement to maternity benefits is, pursuant to the Czech legislation, the obtaining of 270 days of participation on sickness insurance within the past two years before childbirth. Considering solely the Czech period of insurance, you do not fulfil this condition. However, the Regulation 1408/71 allows the aggregation also of the period of insurance, which you gained in Germany. After aggregating together the Czech and the German period of insurance, the condition of 270 days of participation on insurance within the last two years before the childbirth is fulfilled. It is necessary to document the period of insurance gained in Germany on the E 104 form.*

## Providing information...

For easier communication amongst the Member States, so-called E-forms, issued by the competent institutions, are used in the area of social security. In the case of sickness and maternity benefits in cash, as is in the case of work migration:

**The form E 104** – Certificate concerning the aggregation of periods of insurance, employment or residence  
The competent institution will confirm in this form upon your request the period of insurance, which you had gained in the given Member State. If you cease employment in a Member State and you intend to go to work in another Member State, we recommend that you have the form E 104 issued at the regional office of ČSSZ, where you were last insured for sickness.

Other E-forms (E 115, E 116, E 117 and E 118) serve for communication amongst institutions in case of an incapacity for work of the insured within the territory of another Member State.  
*Issuing of E-forms is in CR free of charge.*

## The procedure during the enforcing of a claim for benefits...

★ **Insured of CR living or staying in another Member State of the EU**

**If you are insured in CR and you become ill in the territory of another Member State and you decide to enforce a claim for benefits, it is necessary to adhere to the following procedure:** After treatment by a local physician, you present yourself at the competent institution in the place of stay, or in the place of residence in the given Member State, within three days from an occurrence of incapacity for work. There, you submit an acknowledgement from your physician and subsequently the form E 115 (Claim for cash benefits for incapacity for work) and the E 116 (Medical report regarding the incapacity for work) will be issued to you, that the institution in your place of stay, or in your place of residence will forward to a competent regional office of ČSSZ. (In the case that the form E 116 will not be issued, another medical report or acknowledgement of an incapacity for work by local physician has to be enclosed with the form E 115.) Calculation and payment of benefits is carried out pursuant to Czech legislation.

Regarding the termination of an incapacity for work, you should notify the competent institution in the place of your stay, or in the place of your residence, which will inform the regional office of ČSSZ via the form E 118 (Notification of non-recognition or of incapacity for work).  
*A request for maternity benefits in cash is enforced in an analogous manner.*

★ **Insured of another Member State living or staying in CR**

**If you are insured in another Member State and you become ill in CR and you decide to enforce a claim for benefits, it is necessary to adhere to the following procedure:**

Your Czech physician will issue a Czech acknowledgement regarding an incapacity for work and the form E 116. With these documents, you present yourself to a regional office of ČSSZ, according to the place of operation of your physician, within three days from an occurrence of incapacity for work. There, the form E 116 will be certified by a physician of the regional office of ČSSZ and subsequently, a contact officer of the EU in the regional office of ČSSZ will issue the form E 115. The regional office of ČSSZ will send both forms to a competent institution in a Member State, with which you are insured, and which name and address you should therefore know. This institution will assess, pursuant to its legislation your right for benefits and the benefit will be paid to you, pursuant to this legislation.

Regarding the termination of an incapacity for work, you should present yourself at a competent regional office of ČSSZ, which will inform the competent institution in a Member State via the form E 118 about the termination of an incapacity for work.

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