

S2 TREATMENT PROVIDER DECLARATION FORM

Information For Providers:

The Planned Treatment 'S2' Scheme (named after the S2 administrative form) is a funding route available pursuant to reciprocal healthcare agreements between the EU, EFTA and the UK. It applies to all European Economic Area (EEA) countries and Switzerland. The S2 arrangements allow people residing in the UK or EEA country, irrespective of their nationality, to obtain planned healthcare treatment in another EEA country (or Switzerland if nationality requirements are met) at the expense of the state competent for their healthcare. It also provides a right of entry for a person to accompany the patient to provide care and/or support – travel and accommodation costs are not included in S2 funding.

The EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement, The EU-UK Trade and Co-operation Agreement, the EEA EFTA Separation Agreement, the Swiss Citizens' Rights Agreement and the UK and EEA-EFTA Social Security Coordination Convention all contain S2 rights.

As part of the application for Planned Treatment Abroad (S2) the applicant must provide supporting evidence from the proposed treatment provider which demonstrates:

- Support of the diagnosis and medical need for treatment
- Confirmation of how soon the treatment is needed and why based on clinical assessment.
- Confirmation that a UK issued S2 can be accepted and processed through the Healthcare Authority in the provider's country
- The planned treatment dates & estimated costs - this should include any necessary pre/post operative requirements.

This information must be provided on official letterheaded correspondence, from a business email address, if supplied digitally. All medical documentation will need to be translated, so it can be understood, to progress an application. Translation is the responsibility of the applicant.

The 'S2' certificate is a European-wide form that allows individuals to access state funded planned treatment abroad on the same basis as an insured person of that country. The patient will present the S2 certificate prior to receipt of their treatment. The treatment provider should present this to the Health Authority so that a refund can be processed via the UK.

Payment:

The treatment provider should not ask the patient for payment, other than for the co-payment charge, as the treatment costs will be covered by the S2 certificate. If the provider asks for payment, this is an indication that S2 funding is not appropriate, and this will invalidate the S2 arrangement for the patient.

Co-payment charge

The treatment provider should provide treatment under the same conditions of care and payment that would apply to residents of the treating country. The only charge that the provider should make to the patient is for the co-payment charge.

Important – the UK is no longer part of the EU Cross-Border Healthcare arrangements (the EU Directive). This means that patients are unable to claim back paid costs of planned state-funded or private healthcare treatment in an EEA country. Prior approval must be given and an S2 certificate issued before planned state funded healthcare is received.

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Please read the guidance notes carefully. Completion of the declaration confirms that you have read and understood the eligibility requirements of the Planned Treatment (S2) Scheme.

Patient name:	
DoB:	
Patient Address:	
Diagnosis / treatment:	

I, as a representative of the treatment provider, confirm:

- The provider can accept an S2 form as the treatment is being provided in the state healthcare sector under the same conditions as insured citizens.
- A medical letter supporting the diagnosis and the need for treatment prior to the treatment taking place has been issued to the applicant. This letter has been signed by the treating clinician.
- Details of the planned treatment dates and estimated costs have been provided within a supporting letter. This is from the provider and not the clinician.
- The requested treatment is state-funded healthcare and is offered on the same basis as an insured citizen of their country.
- The costs for treatment provided will be charged through the Health Authority in their country under the S2 scheme (except co-payment charges which the patient may be asked to pay directly where that is normal practice).
- The patient will not be charged any fees other than those which would be payable by insured citizens of the treating country receiving the same state-funded treatment. If applicable, co-payments have been explained to the patient and are clearly identified on the patient invoice.

Name and address of treating Provider:
Name of treating clinician:
<p>Provider representative signing declaration:</p> <p>Name:.....</p> <p>Job Title:</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date of signature:</p>