

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3685/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Health care for posted workers in the Community

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) was introduced in Italy on 1 November 2004. The card provides access to necessary (i.e. not just emergency) health care services previously covered by forms E 110, E 111, E 119 and E 128. The transposition and application by Italy of Directive 38/2004/EC¹ on freedom of movement of EU citizens and of their families are raising a number of as yet unresolved problems in relation to posted workers resident in Italy for a period of less than two years. One particular problem is that the Italian authorities require workers to register after three months in Italy, but refuse to allow them to do so unless they have form E 106 (not included in the EHIC) or private insurance. The grounds for this refusal are that the EHIC does not cover all health care services but only 'necessary' treatment and does not therefore offer sufficient guarantees to allow an EU citizen to remain for longer than three months and register in the country. Foreign companies, however, no longer consider form E 106 to be necessary in the light of the cover provided by the EHIC.

1. Do Community citizens need to be in possession of form E 106 or of private insurance in order to be registered?
2. Will the Commission provide a general overview of the situation?

¹ OJ L 158, 30.4.2004