Question for written answer E-001473/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Sorin Moisă (S&D)

Subject: Romanian citizens denied emergency medical services

An increasing number of complaints are being received from Romanian citizens apparently being denied emergency medical treatment in other European Union Member States despite producing a European health insurance card. Unofficially it appears that this is because of settlement delays. Can the Commission clarify under what circumstances a hospital may refuse to provide emergency treatment to European health card holders in undeniable and manifest need thereof? Does the Commission agree that settlement transactions between national health insurance funds are an entirely separate issue that must have no bearing on individual entitlement to medical treatment, particularly in emergencies? Is this a correct interpretation of the rules?

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