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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on the provision of essential emergency medical treatment to third-country nationals within the European Union

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the provision of essential emergency medical treatment to third-country nationals within the European Union

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas immigration into a Member State also involves temporary transit by third-country nationals through other Member States,
- B. whereas it is impossible for foreign nationals to obtain essential emergency medical care whilst they are in brief transit through, or on a short stay in, a Member State,
- C. whereas essential care involves medical attention, diagnosis and treatment in respect of non-serious illnesses in the immediate and short term,
- D. whereas illegal immigrants also need medical assistance to protect their health or that of others,
 - 1. Calls on the Member States to make accredited public and private facilities available for the provision of free medical assistance to foreign nationals (including those whose situation is not in accordance with the rules on entry and residence) who are passing through their territory;
 - 2. Calls on the Member States to legislate in such a way as to enable medical care relating to pregnancy, maternity, children's health and the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases to be made available free of charge to foreign nationals who are passing through a Member State, even if their situation is not in accordance with the rules on entry and residence;
 - 3. Calls on the Commission and the Council to lay down rules establishing a minimum threshold for free medical treatment for any foreigner legally present on EU territory.