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to the Commission**

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Subject: Cross-border healthcare

Under Directive 2011/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare, equal access to healthcare should be guaranteed to citizens of all Member States, throughout the EU, as of 25 October 2013. Initially, some countries may have difficulties in applying this provision in practice.

It is estimated that around 18% of Poles might soon take advantage of the opportunities resulting from the new directive, and, with a view to controlling its resources, Poland's National Health Fund is considering introducing additional procedures relating to cross-border healthcare in the area of highly specialised medical procedures.

How can the European Union help the Member States implement this directive?