

**Question for written answer E-005162/2020/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Care allowance for frontier workers

In a letter to the Commissioner of 11 September 2020 sent by e-mail to CAB-SCHMIT-ARCHIVES@ec.europa.eu (see attachment), the lawyer responsible gave a full account of how frontier workers from Austria who work in Switzerland receive no care allowance from either country if they reside in Austria. Social security benefits based on the free movement of workers are coordinated, for example, by Regulation (EC) No 883/2004. This has a negative overall impact on sickness benefits.

1. Will the Commission verify the details of the letter?
2. What steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the free movement of workers will no longer result in the complete loss of actual entitlements to care benefits as 'sickness benefits'?
3. What steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that entitlements to care benefits cannot be linked to a residence clause, as is the case with Switzerland, which has a free-movement agreement with the EU?