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Pursuant to Article 9 of the Law on Health Care of Aliens in the Republic of Croatia (Official Gazette No. 114/97) and Article 14 of the Statute of the Croatian Health Care Institute (Official Gazette No. 1/94), the Administrative Council of the Croatian Health Care Institute at its 3rd session held on 10 June 1998, with the consent of the Minister of Health Care and the Minister of Finance, passed the following

DECISION

on Manner of Payment of Expenses from the Funds of the State Budget for Health Care Rendered to Aliens

Article 1

This Decision regulates the manner of payment of expenses from the State Budget for health care rendered to aliens in the Republic of Croatia charged by the medical institution or an employee of the private practice.

Article 2

The expenses of rendered medical services shall be settled from the funds of the State Budget to the medical institution or an employee of the private practice who rendered medical services to an alien under Article 2, Paragraph 3 of the Law on Health Care of Aliens in the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter: Law) and Article 6 of the Law in case of urgent medical assistance, and could not obtain the payment of such medical services from the alien.

The expenses of medical services rendered to aliens under age found in the Republic of Croatia without the care of their parents (Article 3, Subparagraph 6 of the Law) shall be paid to

the medical institution or an employee of the private practice from the funds of the State Budget.

Article 3

The medical institution or an employee of the private practice shall forward to the Directorate of the Institute a request with the below documentation for the payment of expenses of rendered medical services under Article 2, Paragraph 1 of this Decision:

1. Written statement under Article 7 of the Law.
2. The bill for rendered medical services made in accordance with the prices established in the decision on the basics for concluding contracts with medical institutions and private medical workers for the current calendar year.
3. Discharge letter or case history.
4. Evidence on unsuccessful attempt at payment of the bill by the alien.

The request under Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be forwarded to the Croatian Health Insurance Institute (hereinafter: Institute) after the expiration of 30 days from the date of delivery of the bill to the alien.

The medical institution or the employee of a private practice shall forward bills for the medical services rendered to aliens under age who are found in the Republic of Croatia without the care of their parents to the Directorate of the Institute made in accordance with the prices established in the decision on the basics for concluding contracts with medical institutions and private medical workers for the current calendar year.

Article 4

The Institute shall upon receipt of the request under Article 3, Paragraph 1 of this Decision, as well as the bill under Article

3, Paragraph 2 of this Decision, make a formal and medical inspection of the bill and enclosed documentation and a financial inspection of the bill.

If the Institute determines in the course of inspection that the bill or documentation contains deficiencies or irregularities, the request with accompanying documentation shall be returned for correction. A new deadline for payment begins on the repeated receipt of the request by the Directorate of the Institute.

Article 5

The medical institution or the employee of a private practice are obliged to enable the inspection of the request, bill and documentation at the request of the authorised employee of the Institute by direct access to available work and documentation.

Article 6

The Institute shall once a month after the inspection under Article 4 of this Decision, if it agrees with all items on the bill, i.e., if the remaining documentation is correct, forward a request to the Ministry of Health Care for a drawdown of funds from the State Budget.

The Ministry of Health Care shall forward the request to the Ministry of Finance with a comment that the requested funds from the State Budget should directly be delivered to the Institute from the part of the Ministry of Health Care.

Article 7

The Institute shall upon receipt of the funds under Article 6, Paragraph 2 of this Decision, make the payment of bills within 7 days for which the funds were delivered from the State Budget.

Article 8

The Institute shall immediately upon the payment of bills under Article 7 of this Decision forward to the Ministry of Health Care bills and documentation under Article 3 of this Decision for payment in favour of the State Budget in accordance with Article 10 of the Law.

Article 9

This Decision shall enter into legal force and effect eight days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

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