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Rules governing health care provision for temporary residents in Greenland:

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Temporary residence means a stay of six months or less.

Should your stay or part thereof be job-related, you might subject to healthcare by your employer's legal obligation or a collective agreement.

The Health Authorities advise that you take a comprehensive health travel insurance policy which covers all aspects of ill health, including sudden onset of disease emergencies, hospital admission, therapy, medication, dental care and home transportation. *Please ensure that your insurance policy also covers ambulance transportation from sparsely populated or desolate areas in Greenland.*

Denmark and Faroe Islands:
If you are from Denmark you should have the yellow health insurance card or documentation to prove your permanent residence and right and right to health care in Denmark. If you are from the Faroe Islands, you should have a proof of your right to get contribution from a Faroe health insurance society. Children under the age of 16 with a permanent residence in the Faroe Islands must be included by the parent's membership. Without documentation for your right to get contributions in Denmark or the Faroe Islands, you will be required to bear the cost of health care yourself.

During your temporary stay in Greenland you have right to heath care in case of acute appeared illness or sudden worsen chronic sickness, accidents or similar kinds, cf. governmental statutory instrument no. 17 of September 13th 2006 about health care organisation contributions to persons with permanent addresses on the Faroe Islands or in Denmark on temporary stay in Greenland.

In situations where acute health care is needed you have right to:

- Free medical care.
- Free hospital treatment.
- Free medicine by doctors orders.
- Free emergency dentist treatment at dentists with connection to the public authorities. It is only applicable in cases of gumboils, broken fillings, and teeth and similar.
- Free transport by doctors orders from settlement or any other places with permanent habitation to the local hospital in the town to Dronning Ingrids Hospital.

You do not have the right to:

- Free home transport to Denmark and Faroe Islands (therefore travel insurance).
- Free transport outside permanent habitation to the closest hospital and transport to the hospital or treatment institution outside Greenland. (therefore travel insurance).

The Nordic countries:

If you are from Norway, Sweden, Finland or Iceland you need proof of your right to health care in your home country, for example an EU- health insurance card or similar. Without documentation you will be required to bear the cost of health care yourself.

You have the right to necessary health care on your temporary stay in Greenland, cf. The Nordic Convention about Social Security. The necessity will be estimated by the length of the stay and the character of the illness. The treating doctor will decide if it is necessary to give the treatment during the stay.

In situations where necessary health care is needed you have right to:

- Free medical care.
- Free hospital treatment.
- Free medicine by doctors orders.
- Free dentist treatment at dentists with connection to the public authorities. It is only applicable in cases of gumboils, broken fillings, teeth and similar.
- Free transport by doctors orders from settlement or any other places with permanent habitation to the local hospital in the town to Dronning Ingrids Hospital.
- The additional expenditure to home transportation if a doctor estimates that you must go home in a more expensive way than expected because of illness, cf. art. 7 in The Nordic Convention about Social Security. It is the treating authority or hospital that pays the additional expenditure. You have to pay the price for an ordinary one-way ticket to your home yourself.

You do not have the right to:

- Free transport outside places without permanent habitation to the nearest hospital. (therefore travel insurance).

EU/ EØS- countries:

If you are from Belgium, Bulgaria, Greece, Netherlands, Rumania, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain, Great Britain, North Ireland (and Gibraltar), Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Cyprus, Estonia, Lithuania, Malta, Polen, Schweiz, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tjekkoslovakia and Hungary, you need proof of your right to health care in your home country, for example EU-health insurance card, secure card or similar. Without documentation you will be required to bear for the cost of health care yourself.

During your temporary stay in Greenland you have right to necessary health care, cf. EF statutory instrument 1408/71 about Social Security of travelling employees and more. The necessity will be estimated by the length of the stay and the character of the illness. The treating doctor will decide if it is necessary to give the treatment during the stay.

In situations where necessary health care is needed you have right to:

- Free medical care.
- Free hospital treatment.
- Free medicine by doctors orders.
- Free dentist treatment at dentists with connection to the public authorities. It is only applicable in cases of gumboils, broken fillings, teeth and similar.
- Free transport by doctors orders from settlement or any other places with permanent habitation to the local hospital in the town to Dronning Ingrids Hospital.

You do not have the right to:

- Free home transport (therefore travel insurance).
- Free transport outside places with permanent habitation to the nearest hospital and transport to the hospital and treatment place outside Greenland. (therefore travel insurance).

The rest of the world:

Greenland is not part of any international agreements considering health care with the rest of the world. Which means, that people who come from a country outside EU and the Nordic countries must pay for all health care and transportation in Greenland and home from Greenland. Comprehensive health travel insurance is absolutely necessary.