

A Short Description of the European Health Insurance Card Issued by Hungarian Health Insurance Institutions

As of 1st November 2005, Hungarian residents travelling within the European Economic Area (European Union, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and – from 1st April 2006 – in Switzerland, whether for private or professional reasons, are being issued with a European Health Insurance Card, which simplifies the procedure for receiving any medical assistance that might become necessary during a temporary stay in another country.

Any person, who is resident in Hungary and is entitled to health care services of the Hungarian mandatory health insurance scheme, as well as those who are insured in Hungary and reside in an other Member State of the European Economic Area, can apply for a European Health Insurance Card. By submitting this card, the entitled person can receive benefits, which are medically necessary during temporary stay in the other country. Hungarian insured persons can also use the card in countries outside the European Economic Area, in countries with which Hungary has concluded arrangements on the acceptance of the European Health Insurance Card (e.g. Croatia, Bulgaria etc.). Of course, in these countries the Card entitles only to the immediately necessary treatments provided for in the respective interstate agreements.

The European Health Insurance Card, issued by Hungarian Institutions is a credit-card-like, eye readable plastic card (53,98 mm × 85,6 mm) which bears no electronic data storage device, such as a chip or magnetic stripe. The outfit and the data content of the card is following:



3. Name	ABCDEFGHIJKLMN
4. Given names	ABCDEFGHIJKLMN
5. Date of birth	DD/MM/YYYY
6. Personal identification number	12345678901234567890
7. Identification number of the institution	1234567890 + ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO
8. Identification number of the card	12345678901234567890
9. Expiry date	DD/MM/YYYY

Data set of the fields on the card :

- # 1 (left up): blank
- # 2 (within the 12 stars): HU (county symbol)
- # 3 Name
- # 4 Given names
- # 5 date of birth: day/month/year
- # 6 Personal ID: Hungarian Social Security (TAJ) number - 9 digits
- # 7 Institution ID: Code number (5 digits) and acronym (between 7 and 11 characters) see: annexed list of institutions
- # 8 Card ID: a unique number attributed to the very card – 20 digits
- # 9 Expiry date: the last day of validity on which the card can be used (day/month/year)

While seeking for health care abroad, every entitled person has to produce his/her own card, as the card does not indicate the eventual dependant family members. Every insured person is issued with a card irrespective of his/her insurance status, provided this person has a valid entitlement to health care in Hungary.

The European Health Insurance Card is issued for Hungarian insured persons generally for one year term. However, persons younger than 18 and pensioners can benefit from a longer validity period (maximum 3 years).

The card is an official certificate giving right to the defined health care services abroad within its validity period. The health care provider in another Member State or Contracting State has to accept the card until its expiry without further entitlement check. So, the health care provider has to trust in the valid entitlement of the cardholder and the issuing institution has the responsibility to provide reimbursement for the health care services rendered on grounds of a European Health Insurance Card. An eventually lacking entitlement can not be an obstacle of reimbursement.

Unlike the 111 forms, the card does not contain any date indicating the begin of its validity. So, the card is valid from the first day where it gets in the cardholder's possession, until its expiry.

The reverse side of the card contains the most essential useful information for the cardholder and the health care provider in Hungarian and English, as well as a phone number.



Furthermore, a field in the left down part of the reverse side contains a 10 digit-security number for registration purposes. This number is irrelevant concerning reimbursement.

The following annex contains the institutions who issue European Health Insurance Cards in Hungary. This code is shown in field #7 of the card and it helps to identify the competent institution from whom further information and/or additional entitlement certificates can be obtained if necessary.

It is however important to note that all invoice forms (forms n°125) related to the health care provided on the basis of the card can be addressed and directed to the Hungarian liaison office for health insurance (Országos Egészségbiztosítási Pénztár, H-1139 Budapest, Váci út 73/A)

Identification Number of the Institution	Acronym of the Institution	Full name of the Institution	street and number	Town	Zip code	Phone	Fax
10090	OEPNEIF	ORSZAGOS EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR NEMZETKOZI ES EUROPAI INTEGRACIOS FOOSZTALY	VACI UT 73/A	BUDAPEST	1139	+3613501618	+3613501638
10720	OEPBARMEP	BARANYA MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	NAGY LAJOS KIRALY UTJA 3.	PECS	7645	+3672508300	+3672508381
10760	OEPBKMEP	BACS-KISKUN MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	IZSAKI U. 8.	KECSKEMET	6000	+3676513000	+3676513099
10660	OEPBEMEP	BEKES MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	LUTHER U. 3.	BEKESCSABA	5600	+3666442522	+3666442110
10460	OEPBAZMEP	BORSOD-ABAUJ-ZEMPLEN MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	MINDSZENT TER 3.	MISKOLC	3530	+3646514400	3646514455
10620	OEPCSMEP	CSONGRAD MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	BAL FASOR 17-21.	SZEGED	6726	+3662487187	+3662432070
10220	OEPFEMEP	FEJER MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	JOZSEF ATTILA U. 42	SZEKESFEHERVAR	8000	+3622315180	+3622327677
10010	OEPFPEP	FOVAROSI ES PEST MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	TEVE U. 1/A-C.	BUDAPEST	1139	3612885100	+3612885150
10960	OEPGYMSMEP	GYOR-MOSON-SOPRON MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	SZABOLCSKA M. U. 1/A	GYOR	9002	+3696327722	+3696311359
10520	OEPHBMEP	HAJDU-BIHAR MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	DARABOS U. 9-11.	DEBRECEN	4026	+3652466999	+3652430379
10360	OEPHMEP	HEVES MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	KLAPKA U. 1.	EGER	3300	+3636311555	+3636311740
10560	OEPJNSZMEP	JASZ-NAGYKUN-SZOLNOK MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	MIKSZATH K. U. 3-5.	SZOLNOK	5001	+3656424111	+3656424002
10340	OEPKEMEP	KOMAROM-ESZTERGOM MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	NEPHAZ U. 12.	TATABANYA	2800	+3634312001	+3634323001
10320	OEPNMEP	NOGRAD MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	ZEMLINSZKY R. U. 9.	SALGOTARJAN	3100	+3632422600	+3632422611
10820	OEPSMEP	SOMOGY MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	BAJCSY ZS. U. 28.	KAPOSVAR	7400	+3682423133	+3682423145
10420	OEPSZSZBMEP	SZABOLCS-SZATMAR-BEREG MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	VOROSMARTI TER 7.	NYIREGYHAZA	4400	+3642312177	+3642315053
10740	OEPTMEP	TOLNA MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	SZENT ISTVAN TER	SZEKSZARD	7100	+3674415722	+3674419243
10940	OEPVSMMEP	VAS MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	SZILY J. U. 30.	SZOMBATHELY	9700	+3694311050	+3694312041
10880	OEPVEMEP	VESZPREM MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	OVARY F. U. 7.	VESZPREM	8200	+3688546600	+3688406783
10920	OEPZMEP	ZALA MEGYEI EGESZSEGBIZTOSITASI PENZTAR	KOSSUTH U. 9-11.	ZALAEGRSZEG	8900	+3692320660	+3692312348
10020	OEPVTI	VASUTAS TARSADALOMBIZTOSITASI IGAZGATOSAG	ROBERT K. KRT. 61-65.	BUDAPEST	1134	+3613216052	+3613216053