

Planned Treatment (S2) Provider Declaration Form

Form to be filled out by treating healthcare providers

- Please read the Guidance for Providers before completing this form.
- Completion of the declaration confirms that you have read and understood the eligibility requirements of the Planned Treatment Scheme (S2) as detailed in the appropriate reciprocal healthcare arrangement.

Patient name:	
DoB:	
Patient Address:	
Diagnosis / treatment:	

By signing this form, I, as a representative of the treatment provider, agree with the following points:

- The provider can accept an S2 form as the treatment is being provided in the state healthcare sector under the same conditions as a resident of the treating country.
- Prior to the treatment taking place, a medical letter supporting the diagnosis and the need for treatment has been issued to the patient. The letter includes all pre-operative requirements necessary for the planned treatment package to go ahead and post-operative requirements for the patient to be discharged. This letter has been signed by the treating clinician.
- The eligible costs for state funded treatment provided will be charged through the Health Authority in the treating country under the S2 scheme (except co-payment charges which the patient may be asked to pay directly where that is normal practice).
- The patient will not be charged any fees other than those which would be payable by a resident of the treating country receiving the same state funded treatment.
- Details of the planned treatment dates and estimated costs, showing what is payable by the prospective patient, have been provided within a supporting letter. Any co-payments, chargeable to the patient on the same basis as a resident of the treating country, were explained to the patient and are clearly identified on the invoice. This is from the provider and not the clinician.

If applicable:

I, as a representative of a private healthcare provider providing state funded services, agree with the following point:

- Details of the planned treatment dates and estimated costs include an itemised invoice provided to the prospective patient that clearly demonstrates which costs will be:
 - ✓ paid through the S2 as state funded paid by the competent country's Healthcare Authority directly to the treating country Healthcare Authority,
 - ✓ any relevant co-payments chargeable to the patient on the same basis as a resident of the treating country and may be eligible for reimbursement,
 - ✓ and privately provided charges which are non-reimbursable as there are no reciprocal healthcare agreements in place that provides provision for private healthcare received.

Additional comments:

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Name and address of treating healthcare provider:

Type of healthcare provider (please tick one option):

- ☐ Public (State Funded) Healthcare Provider
☐ Private Healthcare Provider Providing State Funded Services

Name of treating clinician:

Provider representative signing declaration:

Name:

Job Title:

Signature:

Date of signature:

Guidance for Providers

The Planned Treatment Scheme (S2), named after the S2 administrative form, is a funding route available pursuant to reciprocal healthcare agreements between the EU, EFTA and the UK. It applies to all European Economic Area (EEA) countries and Switzerland. The S2 arrangements allow people residing in the UK or EEA country, irrespective of their nationality, to obtain planned healthcare treatment in another EEA country (or Switzerland if nationality requirements are met) at the expense of the country competent for their healthcare. Travel and accommodation costs are not included in S2 funding.

The EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement, the EU-UK Trade and Co-operation Agreement, the EEA EFTA Separation Agreement, the Swiss Citizens' Rights Agreement, UK-Swiss Social Security Convention, and the EEA-EFTA Social Security Coordination Convention all contain S2 rights.

The S2 certificate is a European-wide form that allows patients to access state funded planned treatment abroad on the same basis as a resident of the treating country. If the treating country's state funded Healthcare Authority operates a co-payment system (often referred to as patient contribution by the European Commission), a set proportion of the cost of the planned treatment package must be paid by the patient to you, the treatment provider.

The planned treatment package can be offered within a private facility provided there is a state funded contract to conduct the planned treatment and the S2 can be accepted as a guarantee of payment.

The S2 certificate is presented prior to treatment being received. As the treatment provider, you should present the S2 certificate to your Healthcare Authority so that a refund can be processed via the UK.

Important

The UK is no longer part of the EU Cross-Border Healthcare Directive (the EU Directive). This means that patients are unable to claim back any paid costs of planned state funded or private healthcare treatment in an EEA country. More information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/going-abroad-for-treatment/eu-directive-route/>.

Prior approval must be given to the patient and an S2 certificate must be issued before planned state funded healthcare is provided to the patient.

The S2 Scheme is agreed within the reciprocal healthcare agreements in place between the UK and the EEA and Switzerland, and S2 approval is limited to state funded healthcare. All private treatment and related charges are out of scope of the agreements held.

Payment and Co-payment Charge (or Patient Contribution)

As the treatment provider, you should offer treatment under the same conditions of care and payment that would apply to residents of your country. Some countries charge residents a percentage of the total cost of their treatment. This is a co-payment charge. This means that if a patient applies and receives treatment in a country that operates a co-payment system, they will also pay this percentage towards their treatment, directly to you as the treatment provider. Any expected co-payment (or patient contribution) that would normally be charged for state funded healthcare will apply and that is the only charge that you should make to the patient for any approved S2 treatment received.

This charge should not be confused with any private healthcare charge. Any additional charges related to private healthcare costs received as part of an approved S2 treatment package are separate charges that are non-reimbursable and are the responsibility of the patient. Such payments are often required to be paid in advance of any treatment received.

As the treatment provider, you should issue the patient with a fully itemised breakdown of charges as part of the application process to ensure the patient is informed of any expected costs including:

- Estimated state funded costs through the S2 certificate.
- Expected co-payment (payable by the patient and may be reimbursable upon return to the UK).

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- Private healthcare charges (payable by the patient and are non-reimbursable).

State Funded Services Offered in a Private Healthcare Setting

If you are a private healthcare provider providing state funded services via the S2 scheme you should issue the prospective patient with a detailed estimated cost invoice to enable them to be fully informed regarding the costs that may be incurred if planned treatment abroad is received prior to signing the Provider Declaration form which agrees that part or all of the treatment offered is via state funded healthcare.

Treatment that is offered privately or that providers do not hold a state funded contract to provide, is out of scope of the Planned Treatment Scheme (S2) and the costs of private treatment will be payable by the patient and will not be reimbursable. An S2 certificate will be issued on the completion of the above Provider Declaration which demonstrates that it is understood by all parties that the treatment is eligible for funding via the S2 scheme as it is either in full or in part state funded.