

Guidance for Applicants

In addition to the completed application form and residency requirements for the Planned Treatment Scheme (S2) to NHS England, you must also provide supporting evidence from the proposed treatment provider with your application which demonstrates:

- Support of the diagnosis and medical need for treatment.
- Confirmation of how soon the treatment is needed and why, both based on clinical assessment.
- Confirmation that a UK issued S2 can be accepted and processed through the Healthcare Authority in the provider's country (state funded treatment is being offered).
- The planned treatment dates and fully itemised estimated costs - this should include any necessary pre/post operative requirements.

This information must be provided on official letterheaded correspondence, and from a business email address if supplied digitally. It is your responsibility to provide translated medical documentation to ensure it can be understood to progress the application.

It is recommended you request your chosen treatment provider to complete and return the following Provider Declaration form to ensure you are aware of:

- What the S2 certificate, if issued, will only be valid for state funded healthcare on the same basis as a resident of the treating country.
- Any additional costs that you may be asked to pay upfront (co-payments) and which may be eligible for a direct claim reimbursement upon your return to the UK. For more information on co-payments, please see www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/going-abroad-for-treatment/planned-treatment-s2-funding-route/.
- Any additional private costs that are non-reimbursable for example room upgrades.

Please provide the Provider Declaration Form and Guidance for Providers to your treatment provider when requesting your supporting evidence for your Planned Treatment Application. This form will support your S2 application, evidence your eligibility for S2 funding and enable you to make informed choices regarding any expected costs.

Important:

If you are travelling with the intention of receiving treatment - Prior approval must be in place and a valid S2 certificate must be issued before planned state funded healthcare is received.

NHSE does not determine applications for reimbursements of copayments, a patient contribution a resident of the treating country is expected to pay towards state funded healthcare costs, for the Planned Treatment Scheme (S2). Invoices for state funded treatment received outside of the dates of the issued S2 certificate are not eligible for reimbursement via the S2 direct claim process. It is important when applying for an S2 you include all pre and post operative requirements. All direct claim queries should be directed to: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/claim-refund-treatment-costs>.

The UK is no longer part of the EU Cross-Border Healthcare Directive (the EU Directive). This means that you 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/>.

It is recommended you travel with your UK issued European/Global Health Insurance Card and have the necessary travel insurance coverage for your circumstances.