

Sjóvinnustýrið
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Declaration from the Faroese National Health Insurance (*Heilsu trygd*) under Maritime Labour Convention (MLC)

The Faroese National Health Insurance is a public health insurance system which guarantees all citizens a joint and several public health insurance where all citizens are treated equally what fees and services concerns. The provision is stipulated in Parliamentary Act No. 178 of 22 December 2009. The Faroese National Health Insurance is as an independent institution under **the Ministry of Health and The Interior.**

Persons residing in the Faroe Islands are entitled to benefits according to the Act on Public Health Insurance.

In general the Faroese National Health Insurance covers:

No. 1 Treatment at the general practitioner free of charge.

No. 2 Compensation for:

- transport to and from the doctor
- funeral expenses

No. 3 Supplement to payment for certain treatments at:

- 1) a dentist
- 2) a chiropractor
- 3) a dental hygienist

After referral from a doctor a supplement to payment may be given for treatment at, a:

- 1) a physiotherapist
- 2) an occupational therapist
- 3) a psychologist
- 4) a podiatrist

Following referral from a general practitioner, specialist treatment may be given free of charge.

No. 4. The Faroese National Health Insurance provides subsidies to medicine which is administrated by the Subsidies Commission (*Tilskotsnevnd*).

Some groups of people who are temporarily residing in the Faroe Islands have a limited right to benefits from the Faroese National Health Insurance. This is in connection with sudden arisen illnesses or injuries or worsening long lasting illnesses.

This group of people are as follows:

1. Persons residing abroad in connection with education or humanitarian work.
2. Persons residing in Greenland or Denmark and who temporarily reside in the Faroe Islands.
3. Persons from other countries who temporarily reside in the Faroe Islands are entitled to benefits according to the Act on Health Insurance to the extent it is stipulated in an international convention between these countries. This might be persons who are covered by the Nordic Convention.