

**Eleventh Biennial Report of the Government of Cyprus
on the European Code of Social Security
on the position of national Law and practice in regard
to the matters dealt with in Parts of the European Code
of Social Security which have not been ratified**

**(Period covered 1.7.2012- 30.6.2014)
(Report for the period 1.7.2014-30.6.2016 to be submitted)**

I. - II. List of Laws and Regulations

(a) As regards Part II (Medical care)

The Government Medical Institutions and Services Law of 2013 (L35(I)2013)

The Government Medical Institutions and Services General Regulations of 2013
(R143/2013)

(b) As regards Part VIII (Maternity Benefit)

- The Social Insurance (Amendment) Law 193 (I) 2012 (Copy enclosed).

1. SCOPE

As regards Medical Care (Part II)

The persons protected comprise prescribed classes of residents

No change except:

(a) Benefits to families with three (3) and more children are subjected to means testing as everybody else. However, when at least three (3) children are dependant a special voluntary contribution based scheme is available.

(b) The category of beneficiaries that are partially covered no longer exist.

Estimated number of residents protected: 580.000

Total number of residents at the end of 2013: 839.000

Percentage of the number of residents protected in relation to the total number of residents: 69%

As regards Maternity Benefit (Part VIII)

For the Year 2013, the number of economically active persons was 426.100¹ and the total number of residents was 868.400²

The number of active insured persons is 418.713: 210.461 (50.3%) are males and 208.252 (49.7%) are females.

Maternity allowance is payable to all insured women either employed or self-employed.

The total number of females protected for maternity allowance (205.079), represents 23.6% of all residents (868.400).

The insured population (418.713) constitutes 48.20% of all residents (868.400).

2. CONDITIONS FOR ENTITLEMENT TO BENEFIT

As regards Medical Care

According to the Government Medical Institutions and Services Law amendment of 2013, no benefit is granted to a person unless that person:

- i. contributed at the Social Insurance scheme for a minimum period of three years. Assimilated insurance periods are included, and

¹ Total number of economically active persons for 2013

² The data is based on the Census of population for 2011

ii. at the date of application for healthcare benefits, has submitted personal income tax declaration, in pursuant of Article 5 provisions of the Assessment and Collection of Taxes Laws.

As regards Maternity Benefit (Part VIII)

Articles 47 and 51

No change.

Article 52 (Duration of Benefit)

3. LEVEL OF BENEFIT

As regards Medical Care

Article 10

Based on the Government Medical Institutions and Services General Regulations amendment of 2013 the existing copayment fees increased and new copayment fees were introduced as follows:

Persons entitled to healthcare benefits, as from August 1, 2013, they pay the sum of €3,00 for a visit to a General Practitioner and the sum of €6,00 for a visit to a Specialist. In addition, they will pay a fee of €0,50 for each prescribed pharmaceutical product and €0,50 for each laboratory test with a maximum charge of €10,00 per medicine prescription or per laboratory test prescription form respectively.

2. Cost-sharing

a) Persons entitled to free care

To be provided by the Ministry of Health

b) Persons entitled to care at reduced fees (see under SCOPE above)

To be provided by the Ministry of Health

As regards Maternity Benefit (Part VIII)

(a) Article 50

As of 2012 the percentage which is used in the formula for the calculation of maternity benefit has been reduced from 75% to 72%.

The above amendment was introduced as part of the measures required by the MoU that Cyprus concluded with Troika in order for Cyprus to secure a financial bailout.

A. Recourse is had to Article 65 for the calculation of maternity benefit.

TITLE I (Article 65)

A. & B. No change.

C. The estimated wage of the skilled manual worker selected is €433,96 ⁽¹⁾ per week.

1-2 Not applicable.

TITLE V (Article 65)

D. Amount of benefit granted during the time basis is €312.46

G. Amount of benefit: (D) per cent of the standard wage is: 72% (€312.46: €433.96).

(c) Article 49

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics

No Change

Immunization Services

No Change

Health Education Programs for future parents and pregnant women

No Change

Obstetric Care

No Change

⁽¹⁾ The weekly wage of the skilled manual worker for 2013 was calculated by Cystat using data available to them by the Social Insurance Services.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

As regards Maternity Benefit

(a) No change.

(b) and (c) No change.