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UK EHC design following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union
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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION
FOR THE COORDINATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS**

Subject: Design of the UK EHC following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union

Note from United Kingdom of 27 January 2020

Introduction

Following the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union on 31 January 2020, the United Kingdom Government intends to modify the design of the current UK EHC cards it issues to reflect its new status.

As agreed as part of the Withdrawal Agreement, EHC entitlements for all UK-insured people will continue until the end of the Implementation Period.

They will also continue over the longer-term for specific groups of UK and EU residents covered by the Citizens' Rights Agreement – Part II of the Withdrawal Agreement.

A decision on the future participation of the United Kingdom in the EHC scheme after the end of the Implementation Period for individuals who are not, or cease to be, covered by the Withdrawal Agreement is a matter for negotiation as part of the UK's future relationship with the European Union.

Future Design of the UK EHC

The Administrative Commission is asked to note that the United Kingdom Government now intends to modify the design, provided for by the Decisions of the Commission regulating the function and design of the EHC and Provisional Replacement Certificate¹, of the EHC cards it issues, effective for new or replacement cards applied for from 1st February 2020. The changes will reflect the UK's status as a non-Member State participating in the EHC scheme and is similar to the approach already taken by Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

The changes include the removal of the EU Mark from the EHC card, as provided for by Decision S2 setting out the technical specifications of the EHC card. The United Kingdom Government will also be amending the back of the EHC card to signpost

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C_.2010.106.01.0023.01.ENG & https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C_.2010.106.01.0026.01.ENG#ntr3-C_2010106EN.01002601-E0003

people to further information on using the EHIC following the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union.

The new design is presented at Annex A.

UK EHICs that were issued prior to Exit Day comply with the current specifications including the EU Mark, and will remain in use (the UK does not propose to withdraw these cards) for persons covered in accordance with the Withdrawal Agreement - there are currently 27m UK EHICs with the previous design.

No changes are planned to the Provisional Replacement Certificate.

Conclusion

The United Kingdom Government asks that Member States note this change and communicate it to local healthcare providers to ensure UK-insured people continue to be able to access sickness benefits in kind as provided in the basic regulations (EC 883/2004 and EEC 1408/71) until the end of the Implementation Period and should they be entitled in the future under Part 2 of the Withdrawal Agreement.

Annex A: New Design of the UK EHIC

EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD

UK

3 Name

4 Given names

5 Date of birth

6 Personal identification number

7 Identification number of the institution

8 Identification number of the card

9 Expiry date