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## Outpatient preventive benefits in recognized medical health resorts in Lithuania

Dear Mrs Nosevič


Our enquiry sent to the individual Member States of the European Union, Contracting Parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA), and Switzerland, was intended to provide the statutory health insurance funds in Germany with an overview showing the relevant countries in question in which it is possible as a matter of principle to make use of a preventive out-patient measure in recognised health resorts (section 23 subsection (2) of Book V of the Social Code) with the involvement of statutory health insurance.

The responses to the abovementioned enquiry also led to Lithuania being included in the list of countries, with the designated health resorts, in which preventive out-patient measures can be provided in recognised health resorts in accordance with section 23 subsection (2) of Book V of the Social Code. Accordingly, the costs may as a matter of principle be refunded by statutory health insurance funds in Germany in accordance with section 13 subsection (4) of Book V of the Social Code. The statutory health insurance funds in Germany were informed of this by circular 2023-093 of 28 February 2023 from the National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Funds (GKV-Spitzenverband).

In order to provide complete information, we would like to point out that only the relevant health insurance fund in Germany can issue a binding decision on benefits for their insured persons. Furthermore, all of the conditions stipulated in the law must be complied with before preventive outpatient measures in recognised

health resorts in accordance with section 23 subsection (2) of Book V of the Social Code can be taken up with the involvement of statutory health insurance.

Kind regards



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