



Proposed EU Directive on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare

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What is EPHA?

EPHA is a network of around 100 non-governmental and not-for-profit organisations across Europe working on health and health-related issues



What is EPHA's Mission?

**To protect the health of all people living in
Europe**

**To strengthen dialogue between EU
institutions, citizens and NGOs in support of
healthy public policies**



Who are EPHA's Members?

Members

- Health advocates
- Disease specific groups
- Patients groups
- Local Authorities
- Academic Institutes
- Health professionals groups





What does EPHA work on?

Policy areas

- Health Determinants
- Health Systems
- EU Systems
- Global Health





Patients' Rights Directive

Three Pillars

1. Common principles in all EU health systems
2. Specific framework for cross-border healthcare
3. European cooperation on healthcare



Pillar 1. Common Principles in all EU health systems

Provisions of the Directive:

“Council Conclusions on Common values and principles in European Union Health Systems”

- **Codify principles**
- **Clarity for patients**
- **Does this improve safety?**



Pillar 1. Common Principles in all EU health systems

EPHA Concerns

- Quality and Equity?**
- Realistic?**
- Just safety or quality and safety?**
- Is this the right tool?**



Pillar 2. Specific framework for cross-border healthcare

Provisions of the Directive:

- Hospital/non-hospital care**
- Prior authorisation**
- Reimbursement**
- Information for patients**



Pillar 2. Specific framework for cross-border healthcare

EPHA Concerns

- **Equal access to best available healthcare**
- **Information is not a Guarantee of reimbursement**
- **Equality = no reimbursement**
- **Better prior authorisation**
- **Better coordination with 1408/71**



Pillar 3. European Cooperation on healthcare

Provisions of the Directive:

- European Reference Networks
- eHealth
- Health Technology assessment (HTA)
- Data Collection



Pillar 3. European Cooperation on healthcare

EPHA

- Broadly welcomes Pillar 3
- Legislation on European Cooperation?



Changes and the future: the proposed Directive

- **European Commission**
- **European Council**
- **European Parliament**



Thank You

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