

Convalescent and post-operative care

Procedure to be followed, reimbursement rates and special cases.

The joint sickness insurance scheme (JSIS) covers the costs of convalescent and post-operative care, provided they commence within three months of the illness or operation in relation to which they have been prescribed.

Step 1 : request prior authorisation

Within a period of three months prior to the treatment, scan the doctor's **prescription and a detailed medical report** explaining why the treatment is necessary into [JSIS online](#) along with your request for [prior authorisation](#).

If you don't have access to [JSIS online](#), please follow the traditional procedure. Fill in a [request for prior authorisation](#). Don't forget to attach all the original documents. Send everything in a sealed envelope to your Settlement Office (the correct address is on the form).

Step 2 : claim reimbursement

As soon as the authorisation has been granted, you may commence the treatment. Fill in a request for reimbursement. Attach the detailed invoice and a medical report (in a sealed envelope marked 'confidential'), which should be drawn up when the treatment is finished by the medical practitioner from the convalescent home or rehabilitation centre. The treatments undergone should be described in detail.

Send all these documents to your settlements office.

Conditions for reimbursement

Convalescent and post-operative cures qualify for reimbursement subject to prior authorisation on condition that :

- they are carried out under medical supervision in convalescent centres with an appropriate medical and paramedical infrastructure; all other types of centre are excluded
- they begin within three months of the operation or illness in respect of which they have been prescribed, except where there is a medical contra-indication duly justified in the report accompanying the medical prescription and accepted by the Medical Officer.

The authorisation may be renewed in the event of a relapse or a new illness.

Rates of reimbursement

- accommodation costs : are reimbursed at the rate of 80% for a maximum period of 28 days per annum, with a ceiling of €36 per day (in the case of serious illness : 100% with a ceiling of 45€ per day)
- costs of care : are reimbursed separately according to the type of care
- costs of stay for accompanying person : In exceptional circumstances, the accommodation costs of an accompanying person may be reimbursed at the rate of 85%, with a ceiling of €40 per day, subject to presentation of a medical prescription and with prior authorisation, in the following cases :
 - for a family member staying in the same room, or within the establishment offering the cure, if the person following the cure is under the age of 14 or requires special assistance because of the nature of the condition or on other duly substantiated medical grounds
 - for a child who is being breastfed and has to accompany its mother on the cure.

In all other cases the accommodation costs of an accompanying person are not reimbursed.

Not reimbursable

Travel expenses are not reimbursed.