

Announcement on Foreigners' Automatic Enrollment in the National Health Insurance Service (NHIS) Program

Good day! We wish you and your family health and happiness.

Since July 16, 2019, the Korean government has been implementing a policy that requires foreigners and overseas Koreans staying in Korea for six months or more to have health insurance, providing them with the same insurance benefits as Koreans when they visit a hospital or clinic.

Foreigners (overseas Koreans) must pay their medical premium in advance by the 25th of every month. These payments serve as the valuable source of revenue that will be used to cover health-care costs paid to hospitals or clinics for the recovery of patients.

※ If you have recently moved, you must notify the NHIS (customer service center for foreigners or a branch office), Korea Immigration Service, and your local community center of your address change.

What happens if you do not pay your premium?

- ① (No health insurance coverage) When you visit a hospital or a clinic, you will not have health insurance coverage starting on the first day of the following month until you make the full payment.
- ② (Disadvantages in some transactions, such as visa application) The Ministry of Justice may give you disadvantages in some transactions. For example, you might not be eligible to apply for a residence permit or a long-stay visa.
- ③ (Disposition for failure to make a payment) If you fail to make the payment by the postponed deadline, even after a reminder, we will enforce debt collection by seizing your real estate assets, vehicles, savings, and so on.

Moreover, we also provide information on the payment process and updates made to relevant policies via text message occasionally. Please register your phone number with the NHIS to receive various useful information.

Choose what you need from the following options.

- | Apply for automatic transfer You can automatically pay without worrying about late payments.
- | Receive electronic bills You can easily and conveniently receive electronic bills via email.
- | Provide your account number for a refund If you are eligible for a refund, we will send the money through a wire transfer immediately.

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