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**The European Health Insurance Card; the JSIS shares our views!**  
*One fight among many others in the general interest of colleagues...*



**The Federation** continues tirelessly to ask all the bodies concerned to obtain a solution to the difficulties encountered by members of the Joint Health Insurance Scheme (JSIS) aimed at allowing members to be recognized for our system in the Member States. And this is to facilitate access to health care when travelling in one or more countries of the European Union.

We have formulated and reiterated this request on several occasions (see our old leaflets: [JSIS and The European Health Insurance Card; Let us know your expectations for improvement of the JSIS; It is high time to reform the JSIS...](#) ) because the European Health Insurance Card is a document which allows you to benefit from health insurance benefits which, in certain cases, avoids the holder having to have to pay locally and directly for health benefits. As a reminder, until now, JSIS affiliates have not been able to benefit from these advantages equivalently, whereas this document is intended to benefit all citizens of the European Union.

Reasonable, this request must have been since the JSIS management committee itself recently issued an opinion, which endorses our proposals in its note of 29 June 2023 ([ares\(2023\)4517879](#) developing, in its point 2 the following argument:

That it is important to invite the European institutions, responsible for proposing and adopting legislative measures in application of Protocol 7:

- *To adapt the system of social benefits for holders of high-level public office and the staff of the institutions of the European Union in force by recognizing the common health insurance*

*scheme for the staff of the institutions of the European Union as a public scheme, in the same way as the schemes participating in European coordination;*

- ***To adopt the model for identifying the status of affiliates of the scheme and guarantee the information and compliance of the practices of national operators for the recognition of this system;***

**The Federation** welcomes this position taken by the major player in our institutions, the JSIS management committee, as truly bringing hope for a solution for all colleagues subject to the joint health insurance scheme which will allow us to enjoy the same treatment as all citizens within our Member States. They should thus be able to benefit, without unnecessary obstacles or administrative or financial complications, from the health care they need.

**The Federation** therefore asks the Administration to draw all the consequences of this opinion of the JSIS Management Committee without delay and to open negotiations with the administrations of the Member States accordingly, so that this difference in treatment disappears, and that colleagues' access to healthcare services within the Union is facilitated.

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**The Federation** has always listened not only to its members but to all the staff of the Institutions, to facilitate their daily lives and to defend, in all circumstances, the European Civil Service.

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