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Cross-Border Healthcare Directive

The Cross-Border Healthcare Directive is an EU law that gives you the right to apply for healthcare treatment in any EU country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway.

How do I qualify for the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive?

The Cross-Border Healthcare Directive only applies if you normally live in Ireland and are entitled to public patient healthcare here.

If you want to get treatment in the EU/EEA you must have a valid referral from your GP, consultant, or HSE clinician.

If you qualify you may have to pay for your treatment upfront. You can then apply for the HSE to pay you back. You will have to pay for your own travel costs. It's a good idea to get travel insurance if you are travelling for treatment.

How do I apply?

Detailed information on the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive is available on the [HSE website](#).

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The information above is an overview of the Cross Border Healthcare Directive

For detailed information, applicants are advised to:

Visit the [HSE website](#)

Call our Cancer Support Line on Freephone 1800 200 700 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm