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Factsheet for case **LT-2020-12/304**

Compensation for doctors and other officials infected with coronavirus while on duty

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Country	Lithuania, applies nationwide
Time period	Open ended, started on 19 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income protection beyond short-time work – Paid sick leave
Case created	06 April 2020 (updated 17 April 2020)

Background information

According to Law No. XIII-2824 of the Republic of Lithuania amending Article 11 to Law No. IX-110 on Sickness and Maternity Social Insurance (17/03/2020), a higher sickness benefit shall be paid to persons who during an emergency situation or quarantine declared by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, in performance of his or her professional functions involving unavoidable (necessary) contact with a person suffering from a serious infectious disease, contract a disease for which the Government of the Republic of Lithuania has declared emergency or quarantine. The aim is to increase, at least in part, additional social guarantees for healthcare workers and officials working in outbreaks of serious infectious diseases.

Content of measure

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after the employer submits to the territorial (local) unit of the Board of the State Social Insurance Fund documents showing the causal relationship between the performance of professional activities and disease.

Use of measure

No information to date.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Social partners jointly Social insurance	Employees Particular professions People in care facilities Sector specific set of companies	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Direct consultation

Social partners consulted only ad hoc, the tripartite meeting was not held.

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific.

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
Q - Human Health And Social Work Activities	Q86 Human health activities
	Q87 Residential care activities
	Q88 Social work activities without accommodation

This case is occupation-specific.

Occupation (ISCO level 2)
Health associate professionals
Health professionals

Sources

- 18 March 2020: LR ligos ir motinystės socialinio draudimo įstatymo Nr. IX-110 papildymo 11 straipsniu įstatymas Nr. XIII-2824 (2020-03-17) (www.e-tar.lt)