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Factsheet for case CY-2020-12/369

Requisition of doctors and nurses

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Country	Cyprus, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 19 March 2020 - 30 April 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Support for essential services – Mobilisation of a larger workforce
Case created	08 April 2020 (updated 26 April 2020)

Background information

The requisition of doctors and nurses by the Republic emerged with the increasing number of people, medical and paramedical personnel of the public and some private hospitals and medical centers infected by the coronavirus COVID 19. The provision is found in the Decree 107 of the Quarantine Law, Chapter 260 issued on the Thursday 19 March 2020 by the Minister of Health for the protection of public health and the health care system.

* On Wednesday 8 April, the President of the Republic announced the decision of the Cabinet to extent all the measures taken by the Degrees of the Minister of Health up until 30 April 2020. The Minister of Health undertakes, currently, a legal and technical processing of these measures.

Content of measure

The measure provides the requisition of all doctors and nurses, registered in the Medical Record and the Nurse Record, accordingly, during the starting day of the implementation of the Degree. According to the Decree, all doctors and nurses are under the instructions of the Minister of Health and carry out the tasks assigned to them during the implementation period.

The names of the commanded doctors and nurses will be posted on the website of the Ministry of Health and will be informed by other means as well that the Minister will decide.

Doctors and nurses in the vulnerable groups, as defined by the Ministry, will carry out other duties of the Ministry of Health or will be excluded from duties according to the judgment of the Minister.

Use of measure

Payment is irrelevant with this measure.

According to the the Health Statistics of the Statistical Services of Cyprus (2017), the number of doctors working in private and public hospitals is 3.388 and the number of nurses in private and public hospitals is 3.387. The number of registered health professionals in their respective health associations, however, might be higher but it was impossible to communicate and confirm it with the associations probably due to restrictions of movement for the prevention of the spread of the virus.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Other workers & citizens	No special funding required

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	Other

No consultation proceeded this decision of the government

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific (only private sector).

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
Q - Human Health And Social Work Activities	Q86 Human health activities

This case is occupation-specific.

Occupation (ISCO level 2)
Health professionals

Sources

- 19 March 2020: Degree 107, Quarantine Law, Chapter 260 (www.pio.gov.cy)