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Factsheet for case SK-2020-13/294

Introduction of a pandemic nursing benefit

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Country	Slovakia, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, started on 27 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income protection beyond short-time work – Paid sick leave
Case created	06 April 2020 (updated 23 April 2020)

Background information

With regard to protection against the expansion of Covid-19, the government ordered the closure of all schools, including pre-school facilities. During this period of quarantine, one parent must remain with the children. So far, the nursing benefit has been paid only for 10 calendar days. The Act. 63/2020 Coll. extends the period of payment of this benefit to the whole period of closure of a school or pre-school facility.

Content of measure

According to this Covid-19 related measure, the entitlement to the nursing benefit arises from the first day of the need for personal and full-time treatment of a close person and only expires on the day the need for his/her personal and full-day treatment ends (and not as previously, for a maximum of 10 days). The condition of receiving the nursing benefit is that the beneficiary treats a child under 16 years of age all day, whose health condition, as confirmed by the relevant doctor, necessarily requires treatment by another natural person. The benefit is also paid if the beneficiary cares for the child until the age of eleven (up to 18 years of age with long-term adverse health conditions), when the child has been ordered to quarantine or isolate. The benefit shall also be paid if the pre-school or social care facility in which the child is being provided, or the school the child attends, has been closed by decision of the competent authorities or has been subject to a quarantine measure. Another case of eligibility arises when the insured person cares for a close relative, sibling, spouse, spouse or parent of the spouse if the social service facility in which such a person is provided with social services in an outpatient or residential form is as a result of a decision by the competent authorities concluded or quarantined.

The first estimations suggest that the nursing benefit for workers will correspond to an average daily amount of EUR 15.8.

Use of measure

It is foreseen that in 2020, the nursing benefit will be paid to 200,000 beneficiaries with a total duration of 101 days.

The nursing benefit will be granted for all days during the closure of school and pre-school facilities, not only for 10 calendar days. Expenditure on the basis of these assumptions is expected to be around EUR 319.2 million in 2020

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Social insurance	Employees Self-employed	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

Social partners were not involved by the government in the designing or implementation of this measure.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 06 April 2020: 63 ACT of 25 March 2020 amending Act no. 461/2003 Coll. on social insurance, (www.slov-lex.sk)