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Factsheet for case **LT-2020-12/370**

Wage increases for medical staff

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Country	Lithuania, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 16 March 2020 - 27 April 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Support for essential services – Remuneration and rewards for workers in essential services
Case created	08 April 2020 (updated 05 May 2020)

Background information

On 7 March 2020, the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania adopted the Law XIII-2845, amending Article 32 and adding Article 32(1) to Law No. I - 1553 on Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases in Humans, which improved social guarantees for healthcare workers in the event of incapacity for work and increased wage supplements for employees working in particularly dangerous conditions (virus hotspots). The aim is to support healthcare workers and other employees working during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Content of measure

Amendments to the Law stipulate that employees belonging to the Lithuanian national health system (physicians, nurses, cleaners, etc.), including resident doctors working in particularly dangerous conditions, outbreaks of infection, will be paid wage supplements from 60% to 100% (depending on the employees' pay system in the institution), taking into account the nature, complexity and level of responsibility of the functions performed by, the workload and the scale of the activity of a particular healthcare professional. The said salaries of healthcare employees will be recalculated and paid for the period from the date of entry into force of the quarantine, i.e. from 16 March 2020. Around €130 million from the reserve of the Compulsory Health Insurance Fund will be allocated for this purpose. The total salary fund for medical staff will increase by 18%.

Use of measure

No information yet available.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Social partners jointly	Particular professions	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Direct consultation

Only ad hoc consultations with social partners; tripartite meeting has not been held.

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
	Q87 Residential care activities

This case is occupation-specific.

Occupation (ISCO level 2)
Health associate professionals
Personal care workers
Health professionals

Sources

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