

**Administrative Arrangement
for the application of the
Agreement
on
health care insurance
between
The Kingdom of Belgium
and
Australia**

In pursuance of Article 9 of the Agreement on health care insurance between the Kingdom of Belgium and Australia, done at Canberra on 10 August 2006, the Belgian and Australian competent authorities have adopted by mutual consent the following provisions:

SECTION 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Paragraph 1

Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Arrangement:
 - a) the term "Agreement" means the Agreement on health care insurance between the Kingdom of Belgium and Australia, done at Canberra, on 10 August 2006
 - b) the term "Arrangement" means the Administrative Arrangement for the application of the Agreement on health care insurance between the Kingdom of Belgium and Australia.
2. The terms used in this Arrangement have the meaning assigned to them in Article 1 of the Agreement.

Paragraph 2

Competent bodies

The designated competent bodies for the application of the Agreement are:

1. In Belgium:
 - a) for the granting of the benefits:
 - i) as a general rule: the insurance body to which the person is affiliated;
 - ii) for seamen: Welfare Fund for Seamen, Antwerp;
 - b) financial provisions: National Institute for Sickness and Invalidity Insurance, Brussels on account of the insurance bodies or of the Welfare Fund for Seamen;

2. In Australia:

The Department of Health and Ageing, Medicare Australia, and Medicare offices as appropriate.

Paragraph 3

Liaison bodies

The designated liaison bodies for the application of the Agreement are:

In Belgium:

- a) as a general rule: National Institute for Sickness and Invalidity Insurance, Brussels;
- b) for seamen: Welfare Fund for Seamen, Antwerp;

In Australia:

The Department of Health and Ageing.

SECTION II

PARTICULAR PROVISIONS

Paragraph 4

Benefits in kind in case of a visit to the territory of the other contracting Party

In order to receive the benefits in kind provided for in Article 5 of the Agreement:

In Belgium, the person concerned from Australia will submit to the Belgian competent body evidence of his or her entitlement to the benefits in kind. The evidence is provided by the Australian competent body at the request of the person in the form of a valid Medicare card. If the person concerned does not provide evidence of their entitlement, the Belgian competent body will apply for it to the competent body in Australia, if necessary through the liaison body. The evidence of entitlement that is issued by the competent body in Australia will indicate the maximum period, if any, during which benefits in kind may be provided under the legislation of Australia.

In Australia, the person concerned from Belgium will submit to the Australian competent body evidence of his or her entitlement to the benefits in kind. The evidence is provided by the Belgian competent body at the request of the person in the form of a certificate that such a person is entitled to the benefits in kind. If the person concerned does not provide evidence of their entitlement, the Australian competent body will apply for it to the competent body in Belgium, if necessary through the liaison body. The evidence of entitlement that is issued by the competent body in Belgium will indicate the maximum period, if any, during which benefits in kind may be provided under the legislation of Belgium.

Paragraph 5

Benefits in kind in case of residence in the territory of the other contracting Party

1. In order to receive the benefits in kind provided for in Articles 6 and 7 of the Agreement:

In Belgium, the person concerned from Australia will register himself or herself and the members of his or her accompanying family with the competent body in Belgium, submitting a Medicare card of his or her entitlement, and his or her family's entitlement. The Medicare card will be issued by the competent body in Australia. If the person concerned, or the members of his or her accompanying family, fails to submit a Medicare card, the Belgian competent body will itself apply for it to the competent body in Australia, if necessary through the liaison body.

In Australia, the person concerned from Belgium will register himself or herself and the members of his or her accompanying family with the competent body in Australia, submitting a certificate of his or her entitlement, and his or her family's entitlement. The certificate will be issued by the competent body in Belgium. If the person concerned, or the members of his or her accompanying family fails to submit a certificate, the Australian competent body will itself apply for it to the competent body in Belgium, if necessary through the liaison body.

2. The certificate referred to in the preceding paragraph will be valid until such time as the competent body of the place of stay receives notice of its cancellation.

3. For any claim for benefit in kind, the person concerned will submit the supporting documents required under the legislation of the contracting Party in whose territory he or she is present.

SECTION III
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Paragraph 6


The model of the certificates or forms required for the application of the Agreement and of this Arrangement are mutually consented to by the liaison bodies of both contracting Parties in consideration of the approval by the competent authorities.

Paragraph 7

This Arrangement will come into effect on the same date as the Agreement and will have the same term.

Signed at Canberra, on 28 June 2007
in duplicate, in the English, French and Dutch languages, the three texts being equally authoritative.


The competent Australian authority,


The competent Belgian authority,