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Country : South Korea
Capital : Seoul
Language : Korean
Population : 51.01 million inhabit (2015)
Density : 488 inhabit km²
Surface area : 99274km²
Currency : Won
Time zone : UTC +9
Internet domain : .kr
Phone code : +82

HEALTH SYSTEM

The South Korean health system is managed by the National Health Insurance Company which is mandatory. Anyone residing in the country, even an expatriate, is eligible, regardless of the profession. Foreigners who are registered with the Health Insurance Company family of the insured (this is called the "rightful claimants").

The payment is made by the employer or by the self-contractor himself. The amount deducted depends on the perceived salary and purchasing power. The price is lower for people with disabilities and for those over 65 years old. Health coverage includes:

- Health check-ups, tests and diagnostics
- Treatments, operations as well as preventive medicine
- Hospitalization
- Care, rehabilitation and transportation

Employee Health Insurance

Half is paid by the employer and the other is paid on the employee's salary. Any foreigner working in Korea from South for a company of more than five employees can benefit from [Korean National Health Insurance]. Their lice and their children under 20 years of age will also be covered.

Anyone in one of the following cases is exempt from membership fees:

- When an employee is eligible for equivalent medical coverage provided by a foreign company or private insurance.
- When equivalent health coverage is provided by their employer.

Health Insurance Auto-entrepreneur

Those who cannot be covered by Employee Health Insurance can apply for self-employment. It is accessible citizens living in the country as well as expatriates if they have completed the registration process for foreigners. The contribution is calculated on the basis of household income and assets: wages, possessions, vehicles owned, sex and age.

Benefits of insurance

The benefits are the same for all contributors. When a contributor receives care, he pays a certain amount in that which is called "co-payment". The amount of a "co-payment" depends on the type of care and where it was lavished. Generally, the amounts are 20% of care in case of hospitalization, 30 to 50% of ambulatory care and 35 to 40% of pharmacy costs.

VACCINES

It is advisable to update his vaccination booklet with DTPolio

Japanese encephalitis

From the age of 2 months for expatriates or, for someone having to stay in a rural area.

Rage

In case of an extended stay, in isolation.

Typhoid

In case of extended stay or under conditions of precarious hygiene

Hepatitis A and B

The hepatitis B vaccine is recommended for persons wishing to stay in South Korea for a long time, for a stay in areas with uncertain sanitary conditions or isolated.

The vaccine against hepatitis B is recommended for long or repeated stays.

SICKNESS

Pneumopathy

50 group cases of pneumopathies have been reported in November 2015 in Seoul, in the Knkuk School of Education; the pathogen has not been identified.

Diarrhea of the traveler

The disease is mainly caused by water and bad hygiene. The risk is reliable, but prevention is required.

Malaria

Areas of sporadic and seasonal transmission from March to December in the Northern provinces (Gangwon-do; Gyeonggi-do) and in Incheon.

Private sector	General practitioner	Consultant
Rates	Between 7 and 9 €.	About 150 €.

In association social security has a mutual. It is possible to benefit from better rates for consultations.

THE DISADVANTAGES OF THE PUBLIC SYSTEM

- The insured person can take care of the members of his family but
- The disadvantage is that the benefits are therefore limited
- Payment of expenses is made at the time of care, including during an emergency visit. If the fees are not paid, the patient is often not treated. This applies to the hospital (byeongwon) which requires making an appointment and paying in advance (even in case of emergency).
- For French expatriates, it is important to master the language because few health personnel speak English, whether it is doctors or nurses etc.
- Many Koreans choose to take out private health insurance to be better reimbursed
- There is no home medical visit system in South Korea; you have to go to a clinic. These small neighborhood establishments have a good reputation.
- Visits to specialists such as a dermatologist or dentist are often not supported.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

For any emergency, contact directly the services concerned:

Police: **112**

Medical emergencies: **13 39**

Emergency / Fire Department: **119**

International SOS Assistance:

02 31 40 17 00

WORLD PASS TIPS

For a short stay in South Korea, it is essential to bring your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This must be requested from your insurer at least 15 days before the departure date.

The EHIC provides the same health care as a person with a public health insurance fund.

The reimbursements are done according to the conventional tariffs applicable in France. For a refund in real costs, think of subscribing to a World Pass.

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