

**Question for written answer E-002003/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Access to EU-wide healthcare

We are aware that the Commission is investigating Spain owing to continued complaints that certain hospitals there have refused to accept the EHIC for healthcare access on the same basis as Spanish nationals.

1. Can the Commission provide an update on this investigation and indicate when its findings will be presented?
2. Is the Commission aware of any other EU Member States failing to provide necessary healthcare to EHIC holders?
3. Since access to healthcare during a temporary stay in a Member State is one of the most fundamental rights of EU citizens, what action does the Commission propose to take to ensure future compliance in this matter across the EU?