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Rules of the CERN Health Insurance Scheme*

**COORDINATION OF THE BENEFITS PAID FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN
FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF LONG-TERM CARE BENEFITS WITHIN THE
CERN HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME**

1- INTRODUCTION

In response to a new and increasingly urgent social need and with a view to guaranteeing the long-term financial balance of the Organization's Health Insurance Scheme, on 15 December 2000 the Council approved the introduction of benefits associated with the long-term care risk.

These benefits, provided under the Organization's Health Insurance Scheme, entered into force on 1st January 2001. Over and above the provisions in force for medical expenses, the Rules relating to long-term care provide for an increase in the reimbursement ceilings for paramedical expenses and the payment of a lump-sum allowance referred to as "the long-term care allowance" which is intended to cover all types of medical assistance other than nursing, whether provided at home or in an institution.

However, the allowance covers expenses relating to certain requirements for children recognised by the Organization as handicapped that are already covered by the reimbursement of education fees in a specialised institution.

Account must therefore be taken of the introduction with effect from 1st January 2001 of long-term care benefits into the Organization's overall social insurance arrangements by coordinating the various benefits which handicapped children can claim under the provisions applicable to them in the Staff Rules and Regulations and the Rules of the Health Insurance Scheme.

2- PROCEDURE

a) **Where the handicapped person is not registered at a specialised institution or where the Organization is not reimbursing education fees for the handicapped person**

The long-term care allowance is payable in full, subject to deduction of any benefits of a similar nature from a source outside the Organization, such as the attendance allowance (“allocation pour tierce personne”) paid by the French authorities. In this respect, the member concerned is required to declare any such benefits under the rule concerning non-concurrence of benefits set out in Article A V 1.10 of the Health Insurance Scheme Rules.

b) **Where the handicapped person is registered at an institution for which the Organization reimburses education fees**

A handicapped person may be registered at an institution a) on a daytime attendance basis, b) as a weekly boarder with weekends at home or c) for longer periods of boarding with occasional periods at home. The long-term care allowance is payable exclusively for the periods spent at home.

1°) **Where the handicapped person attends an institution on a daytime basis**, the long-term care allowance for weekdays is reduced to 50% of the daily rate specified in the Health Insurance Scheme Rules. However, the total amount of the allowance is payable for the weekends and for the periods when the handicapped person returns home (when the institution is closed for the holidays).

2°) **Where the handicapped person attends an institution as a weekly boarder**, the long-term care allowance is not payable for the week days. However, the total amount of the allowance is payable for the weekends and for the periods when the handicapped person returns home (when the institution is closed for the holidays).

3°) **Where the handicapped person is a boarder at an institution for longer periods** (i.e. a boarding establishment where the person concerned returns home for the holiday periods), the allowance is payable only for the periods when the handicapped person returns home. During the latter periods, the whole amount of the allowance is payable.

When the handicapped person attending an institution suffers from an illness requiring him to be kept at home, a medical certificate indicating the duration of the period at home must be sent to the Administrator of the Health Insurance Scheme for retroactive payment of the long-term care allowance.

c) **Special situation**

If the handicapped person attends a holiday home whose cost is reimbursed by the Organization (Article R A 8.09 of the Staff Regulations), the long-term care allowance is not payable for the duration of the stay.

3- PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED

In the event that the handicapped person is registered at an institution, the person concerned or the latter's representatives must inform the Organization's Social Affairs Service whether attendance is on a daytime, weekly boarding or other basis. A school calendar must also be submitted so that the periods where the institution is closed for the holidays can be determined. All this information must be communicated by 1st October each year at the latest. The Social Affairs Service forwards all the relevant information to the Administrator of the Health Insurance Scheme.

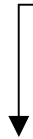
Where holiday home expenses are reimbursed by the Organization, the Social Affairs Service, in coordination with the Education Fees Service, informs the Administrator of the Health Insurance Scheme who then deducts the long-term care allowance for the entire period of the stay at the holiday home.

4- ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF THE ALLOWANCE

In the interests of simplifying administrative procedures, the long-term care allowances are paid quarterly.

OVERALL SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS

Registered at a specialised institution	Reimbursement of education fees by CERN	Payment of the long-term care allowance¹
No	No	100%, subject to the usual conditions
Yes	No	100%, subject to the usual conditions
Yes	Yes	for the periods spent at home (see details below)



Registered at a specialised institution	Daytime attendance	Weekly boarding	Boarding for longer periods
Payment of the long-term care allowance	50% of the allowance for weekdays 100% of the allowance for weekends (i.e. 104 days per year) and for periods spent at home (excluding periods at a holiday home)	0% of the allowance for weekdays 100% of the allowance for weekends (i.e. 104 days per year) and for periods spent at home (excluding periods at a holiday home)	0% of the allowance during the periods at the institution 100% for the periods spent at home (excluding periods at a holiday home).

¹ Without prejudice to the rule of non-concurrence of benefits in Article A V 1.10 of the Rules of the Health Insurance Scheme