

[Explainer notes accompanying the British Embassy S1 guidance video available on Facebook]

If you're a UK State Pensioner with an S1 form living in France since before the 1 January 2021, under the Withdrawal Agreement, your healthcare cover will not change for as long as you remain resident in France.

### **What is an S1 form?**

An S1 entitles you to state UK-funded healthcare cover in the EU member state where you live. To be eligible, you must be in receipt of a UK State Pension, or be a dependant of someone who is, for example, a spouse. An S1 also allows you to maintain full access to the NHS when you visit England, Scotland and Wales.

### **How to get an S1:**

- Contact NHSBSA overseas (+44 191 218 1999) to check your eligibility
- If eligible you will receive two copies of your S1 form from the NHS Business Services Authority
- You can ask for an additional copy at any time

Receiving your State Pension after the 1 January 2021?

- Under the Withdrawal Agreement, you can apply for an S1 once you start drawing your UK State Pension.

### **How to register your S1 and Access French State Healthcare:**

- Complete an application form: [https://www.ameli.fr/.../application\\_for\\_membership\\_in...](https://www.ameli.fr/.../application_for_membership_in...)
- Add supporting documents according to your personal circumstances (full list of documents can be found at the above link)
- Remember to include both copies of your S1 in your application
- Send it to your local Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie (CPAM) office

### **Next Steps**

You will receive:

- Attestation de droits: a certificate demonstrating your right to French state healthcare. It will also show your permanent social security number. Once you have this, apply for your Carte Vitale by following the CPAM's instructions.
- Carte Vitale: a personal card containing relevant information to ensure that the CPAM can correctly reimburse you. Remember to present your Carte Vitale at all medical appointments.
- Mutuelle: Optional top-up insurance to cover the remaining cost of care not covered by the French State

### **EHIC card for those in scope of the Withdrawal Agreement:**

- UK state pensioners with registered S1 forms are entitled to a specific EHIC issued by the UK which remains valid for emergency treatment when travelling to other EU countries.
- Apply now for a new UK EHIC.
- Find out more here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france#healthcare>
- Remember to also have comprehensive travel insurance, as an EHIC does not cover everything.

### **Useful Links:**

More on S1s <https://www.nhs.uk/.../moving.../planning-your-healthcare/>

Find your local CPAM <https://www.ameli.fr/paris/assure/english-pages>

More on the Carte Vitale <https://www.ameli.fr/.../etre-bien-rembourse/carte-vitale>

More on Top-Insurance <https://www.ameli.fr/.../etre-bien-rembourse/carte-vitale>

More on creating an online Ameli account <https://www.ameli.fr/.../suivre-remboursements/compte-ameli>

More on living in France <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france>

More on healthcare in France link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/healthcare-in-france-including-martinique-and-guadaloupe>