



## Premium Reduction Leaflet

**For Beneficiaries of a Swiss pension who are insured in Swiss compulsory Health Insurance and who are residents of a country of the European Union (EU), Iceland or Norway**

Certain persons who are insured in Switzerland but do not live in this country are entitled to premium reduction under the Health Insurance Act. This is due to the regulation on health insurance premium reduction for pensioners who are resident in a country of the European Union (EU), Iceland or Norway. Family members who are not gainfully employed but insured in Switzerland are also entitled to premium reduction.

### Entitlement to and Extent of Premium Reductions

1. Entitled to premium reduction are pensioners as well as insured members of their families if the average premium is more than 6 percent of the authoritative income.
2. If the average premium is higher than 6 percent of the authoritative income the difference of those amounts will be reimbursed as a premium reduction. Should the difference be higher than the average premium, not more than the average premium will be paid.
3. If a pensioner's net assets exceed 100'000 sFr. (Swiss Francs) the pensioner is not entitled to premium reduction.

### Important Details:

- The average premium will be defined annually and for every EU-Country by the Federal Department for Internal Affairs (EDI).
- Authoritative for the chargeable income is the income (pensions, alimonies, and profits of assets) which will presumably be attained per year. On the basis of this income premium reduction will be calculated. As there are differences in the buying power of different countries the chargeable income will be proportionally converted so it corresponds to the buying power in the resident country.
- Decisive for clarification of net assets, familiar circumstances and resident country is the situation on 1st January of the year which premium reduction is claimed for.
- To calculate net assets and authoritative income for families, all assets and all the authoritative income of all members of the family who are entitled premium reduction will be decisive.
- The calculated premium reduction contribution will be directly transferred to Swiss insurance companies by the Common Institution under the Federal Health Act (Gemeinsame Einrichtung KVG). The insurance company will reduce the premium (retroactive) from the date on which entitlement for benefits become effective. **Direct payout to you is impossible. Reduction amounts of less than 50 sFr. (Swiss Francs) per year are unaccounted for.**
- Premium reduction **has to be claimed annually**. Those entitled to it are asked kindly by the Common Institution under the Fed. Health Act (Gemeinsame Einrichtung KVG) to renew their applications annually until 31st March.

### Additional Information can be received from

Common Institution under the Federal Health Act  
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Application forms are available in German, French and Italian from the Swiss representation abroad or on the Internet ([www.kvg.org](http://www.kvg.org)).