



#### **Invoice Exercise**

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#### Voluntary exercise on invoices

- Relevant articles of the Directive:
  - ➤ Art. 10(1) obligation for National Contact Points (NCP) to provide assistance to NCPs of other Member States inter alia to clarify the content of invoices
  - Art. 4(2)b obligation to the healthcare provider to issue clear invoices to patients
- ➤ The aim of the exercise was to identify the minimum level of information needed for a reimbursement procedure
- > The following treatments were identified
  - ✓ Kidney stones treatment
  - ✓ Dental extraction
  - ✓ Planned hip replacement
  - ✓ Consultation with gynaecologists



## **Analysis of the contributions**

- Variety of the contributions
  - minimum information on invoice vs. minimum information required for reimbursement
  - General information on invoices vs. treatment specific information
- Level of detail regarding the information for invoices
  - Requirement for detailed information (e.g. mobile phone number, age, gender etc.) vs. only categories of information (identification of patients and providers)
- Level of detail regarding the information for the different categories of treatment



## Output of the exercise

- Less than 50% of Member States replied
- Replies varied significantly in their level of detail;
  - Identified minimum data set too general:
    - ✓ Identification of patient, healthcare provider;
    - Provided treatment; date and duration
    - ✓ Cost of treatment
- Common approach to invoices seems not feasible
- Suggestion to enhance cooperation between NCPs or competent authorities to fulfil the requirement of article 10(1) of the Directive



# Thank you for your attention!

