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Decree of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health on Remuneration Payable to Research Subjects

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Section 1

Remuneration payable to research subjects

The research subjects, their guardians or close relatives, any other persons closely connected with them or their legal representatives can be compensated for the actual travel expenses and loss of earnings as a result of participation in the research.

A person with no earnings from employment or who is participating in the research during his or her leisure time can be paid at most a remuneration corresponding to the amount of the basic daily allowance for the unemployed for each day of participation in the research.

In order to receive the remuneration the research subject shall present, at request, the necessary receipts, salary certificate or other comparable documents.

Section 2

Compensation for harmful effects

Apart from what is provided in section 1 the research subject can also be compensated for other harmful effects suffered as a result of participation in a research that does not immediately benefit the research subject's health. As other harmful effects can be compensated, depending on the strain and inconvenience suffered as a result of the research and on how much the person's everyday activities are limited, at most:

- 1) EUR 50 if the harm is slight;
- 2) EUR 120 if the harm is moderate;
- 3) EUR 170 if the harm is considerable.

The compensation for harmful effects can be doubled if the examinations on the research subject at the hospital or other research institution take more than three days altogether, and tripled if they take more than seven days altogether.

Section 3

Partial remuneration

If the research subject cancels participation in the research before it has been concluded, the person must be reimbursed the actual travel costs and loss of earnings incurred up to that date.

The other harmful effects referred to in section 2 shall be compensated in proportion to the harmful effect suffered until the cancelling of the participation.

Section 4

Entry into force

This Decree enters into force on 1 February 2011 and is applied to compensation for the expenses incurred as from 1 January 2011.