

Travel insurance

Finding travel insurance to cover your child's specific condition can be tricky and time consuming. In an effort to make things a little easier, we've drawn up a list of insurance companies that provide cover for pre-existing conditions. Some of these have been contacted directly for information by ECHO whilst others have been used by parents in the past to travel with their heart children.

Unfortunately, ECHO cannot guarantee that these companies will be able to offer you cover, as each policy is determined on an individual basis. However, we recommend speaking to other heart parents about their experiences and recommendations which can be really insightful.

Before calling an insurance company please make sure you have the following information to hand:

- Your child's age
- Full details of your child's condition/s
- An understanding of how stable your child's condition is
- Exact medication and dosage
- Details of any recent dosage change
- Dates of any hospital admissions for treatment
- Dates of any trips to A&E
- Destination and length of trip

Pre-existing conditions would need to be assessed with most insurers:

- <u>Insureandgo</u> travel insurance Tel: 0330 400 1383
- <u>Good to go insurance</u> Tel: 0330 024 9949 (01279 621 662)
- <u>AllClear Travel Insurance</u> Tel: 0845 250 5200
- Free Spirit Travel Insurance Tel: 0845 230 5000
- Freedom Insurance Services Limited Tel: 01223 454 290
- <u>Travelbillity</u> Tel: 0845 338 1638

European Health Insurance Card (EH11)

Each country's health system is different and might not include all the things you would expect to get free of charge from the NHS. This means you may have to make a patient contribution to the cost of your care.

If you have recommendations for insurance please do share this information by contacting the <u>ECHO</u> <u>office</u>.

Once you have arranged your insurance remember to print it and take it with you.