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Dear Carolyn,

I am writing to you to confirm the process for the issuing of S2 certificates, following the Plenary Session on 11 May 2022.

Welsh residents can apply for the S2 to access planned state healthcare in the EU and Switzerland. The application must be made and approved by the patient's Local Health Board (LHB) in Wales in advance of any treatment being received in order for NHS funding to be provided, and is subject to qualifying criteria.

Here is a list of LHBs in Wales: [Local Health Boards in Wales](#).

If an application under the S2 route is approved the patient will be issued with an S2 guarantee form, which they will need to present to the relevant healthcare provider abroad. Their treatment will be provided under the same conditions of care and payment that would apply to residents of the country they will be treated in. This could mean that they will have to pay a percentage of the costs personally, which is known as a co-payment charge. They may be able to claim back some or all of this contribution when they return to the UK. Please note that travel and accommodation costs incurred in accessing the treatment are not reimbursed under the S2 route.

I have attached a copy of my previous letter to you dated 10 May 2022, which provides more detail of the qualifying criteria and next steps.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

If the application is not approved for funding under the S2 route and the patient decides to proceed with treatment they would need to fund all costs themselves.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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