

Foreigners temporarily staying in Russia no longer need to apply for a VHI policy

From January 1, 2023, the obligation to issue a VHI policy will remain only with HQS temporarily staying in the territory of Russia

On July 14, 2022, [Federal Law No. 240-FZ dated July 14, 2022 "On Amendments to the Labor Code of Russia"](#) was published on the legal information portal, according to which the requirement to have a VHI policy when foreign citizens conclude an employment contract in the territory of Russia remained only in relation to highly qualified specialists. We wrote about the introduction of this draft law for consideration [earlier](#).

For other foreign citizens and stateless persons, this requirement is removed, they will be able to receive medical care on the territory of Russia with the compulsory medical insurance. They will no longer need a VHI policy or an agreement on the provision of paid medical services for employment.

Also, there is no need to apply for VHI for foreign highly qualified specialists permanently residing in Russia, they are also insured under compulsory medical insurance.

The obligation to conclude a VHI agreement or a contract for the provision of paid medical services remains only in relation to highly qualified specialists temporarily staying in Russia, since they are still not subject to compulsory medical insurance.

The law comes into force on January 01, 2023.

However, the published document makes changes only to the Labor Code of Russia, while in [paragraph 10 of Art. 13 115-FZ "On the Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in Russia"](#), the requirement remains for the employer to conclude a contract for voluntary medical insurance or a contract for the provision of services with a medical organization or an agreement on the provision of paid medical services to a foreign employee. At the moment, regulatory legal acts that change this paragraph have not yet been published.

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