

Slovakia - Preparing for E-Health Services

Following an amendment to the Health Care Act, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovakia is preparing the grounds for a set of ehealth services to establish a national electronic health system.

The reform of the healthcare system includes services such as the electronic booking of General Practitioners (GPs), GPs' online consultation, health services that are to be provided remotely, electronic prescription forms or vouchers, as well as the issuing of electronic health cards, as from 2013.

The main purpose of the medical electronic cards is to give citizens access to their personal health records via the Internet at any time and place. The electronic health card will contain patient data including information about vaccinations.

The Ministry of Health believe that this electronic health card will store life-saving medical information, "The electronic records will allow doctors around the world to provide healthcare to citizens, via the National Health portal. These medical data will be stored in an electronic health card through which doctors will be able to access them and therefore provide proper medical care even remotely."

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