

Medical Tourism The insurers as a friend or a foe?

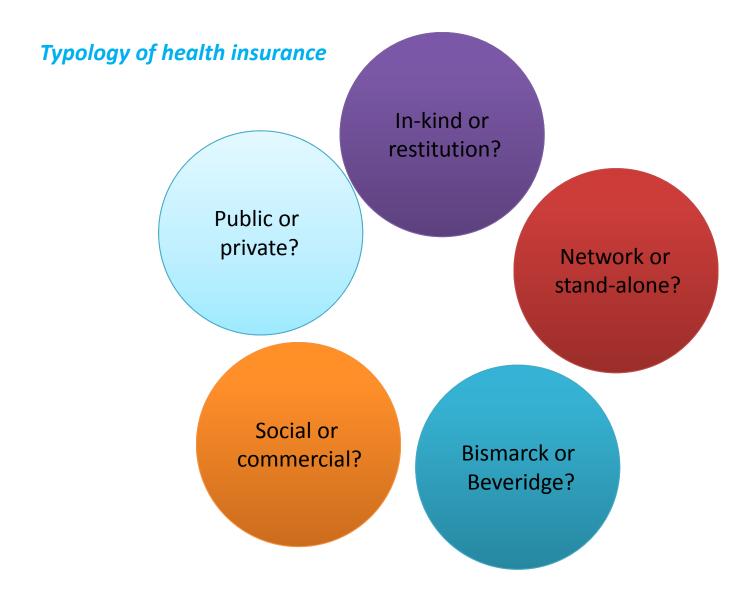
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"I'm sorry, but stress caused by trying to figure out your health insurance is not covered by it."





Medical tourism...

What are we talking about?

- "...the travel of people to a place other than where they normally reside for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment in that country."
- ..."medical travel and health tourism."
- ..." traveling to another country for medical care."

What are the top destinations?

Costa Rica, India, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United States

What are the top specialties for medical travelers?

- Cosmetic surgery
- Dentistry (general, restorative, cosmetic)
- Cardiovascular (angioplasty, CABG, transplants)
- Orthopedics (joint and spine; sports medicine)
- Cancer (often high-acuity or last resort)
- Reproductive (fertility, IVF, women's health)
- Weight loss (LAP-BAND, gastric bypass)
- Scans, tests, health screenings and second opinions



