Corona (COVID-19) situation – A message to caregivers and employers in the home-based caregiving sector

Home-based caregivers are in contact with elderly people or patients that might be at risk, concerning the circumstances. Therefore, it is necessary that they follow the guidelines given by the Ministry of Health from noontime of March 17, 2020. Caregivers and patient are not allowed to leave the patient's home, unless it is necessary (for example shopping for food and medicine or in need of medical service). When in need of getting out of the house, accorded to the terms mentioned above, it is required to do so while keeping a distance of 2 meters from one person to another. Moreover, the Ministry of Health recommends avoiding public transportation as much as possible. It is forbidden to leave the house to go to parks, playgrounds, the beach, the pool or other public places. You can take 10 minutes to walk alone in secluded places or in the backyard, as long as it is possible according to the circumstances. Elevator use will be without additional people.

Make sure to follow the hygiene instructions – Avoid touching the face, washing hands frequently, maximizing ventilation of the house.

According to these guidelines, and given that the foreign workers residence is in the patient's home, the employee must stay at home.

It should be clear that if the employee is required to work on his weekly rest, he should be paid according to the relevant regulations. As long as the employee rests in the patient's house during the weekly rest and is not required to work, he is not entitled to an additional payment. An employee who is required to be in isolation – must act in accordance with the official guidelines given by the relevant governmental authorities.

Dear caregivers – Your work is of great importance and we greatly appreciate your dedication to your patients – please make sure to maintain your personal health and the health of your patients.