

Changes to your SIP Health Card

Spain is in the process of changing your SIP Health Card. Please read below the translated information from the Valencian Health Service (SVS).

The new health card valid for Spain will start to be issued in June. The document will reveal the type of coverage and data identifying each user.

Users of the Valencian Health Service (SVS) will start from June to receive new health cards ready to be used throughout Spain. The new copies will broadcast to the needs of new registrations, renewals damaged cards, etc. - for system - so for a while the two types of identification documents coexist until the renovation is complete. There are currently about 5.2 million active SIP health card so it is estimated that the renovation will be completed in five years.

Changing cards in the interest of the Ministry of Health to bring order to the "lack of control" regional environment technology makes it incompatible documents with direct access Valencian regional card in any other system and vice versa. The user still entitled to medical care throughout the country but now, the ministry wants this to be done under the same conditions, ensuring technological compatibility of cards and readers and so have direct access, for example, our identification data and at what type of pharmaceutical coverage are entitled, for example.

The company responsible for maintaining the Valencia card, Connectis, is finalizing the launch of the new unit identification according to the ministry parameters marked three years ago after ten processing. Thus, all the cards will carry a magnetic strip built three tracks under ISO standards.

Documents must have a specific size (85.60 x 53.98 mm) and integrate the basic information of the insured with the institution's image. The ministry also provides for the possibility of including a photograph and even a space to include Braille IST acronym, individual health card.

However, the design of the front and back is in the hands of the different administrations and the Government has not yet revealed how the new cards will look.

The importance of the document lies in its magnetic strip that let you create a centralized database although universal access to medical records has yet to fully develop.

The SIP reference system

The Valencia region was one of the pioneers in the development of individual health card and population data bases that entails. In fact, since Connectis they ensure that the SIP project is a "milestone" and that has served even "reference system" in the rest of Spain. As a recipient autonomy of citizens throughout Spain, the system was adapted to be able to read "bands from other communities and even several different versions', as they materialized Connectis technicians.

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