**30 I have granted permanent residence in the Slovak Republic. Do I have an obligation to pay insurance in case of long term absence in the territory of the Slovak republic?**

Act No. 580/2004 Coll. on Health insurance and on the amendment of Act No. 95/2002 Coll. on Insurance and on Amendments to Certain Acts in Art. 3 par. 2 (c) states that a compulsorily public health insured is a natural person who has a permanent residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic, but this does not apply if he/she stays abroad for a long time and is health insured abroad and is not employed in the Slovak Republic or is not a self-employed active; a long-term stay abroad is considered to be a stay longer than six consecutive calendar months.

A foreigner who meets the above conditions does not have to pay health insurance in the Slovak Republic until the day of return.