

**Question for written answer E-001215/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Ensuring safe and equitable access to vital treatment for dialysis patients

In northern Greece, and specifically in Pieria, the closure of a chronic dialysis unit in Katerini has meant that 96 kidney patients are forced to travel outside the regional unit on a regular basis, covering hundreds of kilometres each week, to undergo dialysis. For patients who are completely reliant on stable, rigorously planned and continuous treatment, this situation entails severe physical and mental strain, long journeys, upheaval to daily life and increased stress over the consistency and quality of the care.

Although treatment is provided elsewhere, long distances and the burden on patients raise serious issues relating to continuity of care, safety, equal access and dignity for people who depend on stable, uninterrupted and vital medical monitoring.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is it aware of the case in question and has it asked the Greek authorities for information regarding the extent to which timely, safe and equal access to treatment is ensured for dialysis patients in Pieria?
2. In the light of Article 35 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and Principle 16 of the European Pillar of Social Rights, how does it view this situation, in which chronically ill people are forced to repeatedly make long journeys to receive vital treatment?

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