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NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONS

Constitution of Belgium

Constitution of Bulgaria

Constitution of Estonia

Constitution of Finland

Constitution of Greece

Constitution of Hungary

Constitution of India

Constitution of Italy

Constitution of Latvia

Constitution of Luxembourg

Constitution of Netherlands

Constitution of Portugal

Constitution of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa

Constitution of Romania

Constitution of Slovakia

Constitution of Slovenia

Constitution of Spain

Constitution of Switzerland

LEGISLATION AND OTHER REGULATIONS

Greece:

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Annex 1
Typology of Rights related to Health¹

Right to	Relevant Provisions in HRL	Issues related to health
Life	Art.: 3 UDHR, 6 ICCPR, 6 CRC, 9 MWC,10 CRPD, 2 ECHR, 2 CFREU, 4 AfCHR, 4 ACHR	Protection of the life of every person, including patients' lives; application of life saving medical treatment; investigate the causes of death
Privacy and Family Life	Art.: 12 UDHR, 17 ICCPR, 10 ICESCR, 16 & 40 CRC, 16 CEDAW, 22 CRPD, 14 MWC, 8 ECHR, 7 & 8 CFREU, 7, 10 Biomedicine Convention, 4 & 20 AfCHR, 11 ACHR	Respect of patients' rights: protection of personal information, breaches of confidentiality in the provision of health services, self-determination in terms of medical decisions, compliance or non-compliance with the principle of informed consent
Birth registration and Identity	Art.: 24(2) ICCPR, 2(1), 12 ICESCR, 7 and 8 CRC	Access to medical treatment
Prohibition of Torture	Art.: 5 UDHR, 7 ICCPR, CAT, 16 CRPD, 3 ECHR, 4 CFREU, 5 AfCHR, 5 (2) ACHR	Access to medical treatment for prisoners and other detained persons; Restrain patients with mental disabilities; Prohibition of abusive treatment: physical/mental abuse
Marry and found a Family	Art.: 16 UDHR, 23 ICCPR, 5(d)(iv) ICERD, 16 CEDAW, 8 &9 CRC, 12 ECHR, 9 CFREU, 18 AfCHR, 17 ACHR, 15 AP to the ACHR	Family planning issues, non-consensual sterilization/ abortion
Human Dignity	Art.: 1 UDHR, 10 ICCPR, 3 CRPD, 1 CFREU, 1 Biomedicine Convention, 5AfCHR, 11(1) ACHR	Core of human rights law - Central to medical treatment, medical experimentation

¹ UN CESCR, General Comment No. 14: The Right to the Highest Attainable Standard of Health, 11 August 2000, UN Doc. E/C.12/2000/4, § 3; See, e.g., R.J. Cook & M.F. Fathalla 'Advancing Reproductive Rights Beyond Cairo and Beijing' *International Family Planning Perspectives* Sep., 1996, 22, no. 3, pp. 115-121, p. 116; B. Toebes, 'The Right to Health and Other Health-Related Rights' in: B. Toebes, M. Hartlev, A. Hendriks & J. Rothmar Herrmann (eds.), *Health and Human Rights in Europe*, Cambridge/Antwerp/ Portland: Intersentia 2012, pp. 83-110, p. 83.

Right to	Relevant Provisions in HRL	Issues related to health
Access to an Effective Remedy	Art.: 8 UDHR, 13 CRPD, 13 ECHR, 7 AfCHR, 25ACHR	Accountability for professional misconduct in the health care sector, Adequate reparation: restitution, compensation, satisfaction/ guarantees of non-repetition
Freedom from Discrimination/ Non- Discrimination	Art.: 1,2 & 6 UDHR, 3 & 2(2) ICCPR, 2 ICESCR, ICERD, 2 CRC, 1-5 CEDAW, 5 CRPD, 11 & 14 Biomedicine Convention, 14 ECHR, 20-26 CFREU, 3 RESC, 2, 3, 18 (3) & (4), 28 AfCHR, 1 & 24 ACHR, 3 AP to the ACHR	Fundamental principle of human rights law, Attention to vulnerable groups in terms of access to health care and other health-related services
Participation	19 UDHR, 19 & 25 ICCPR, 12, 13 & 17 CRC, 13 MWC, 21, 29 & 30 CRPD, 8& 10 ECHR, 5-9 Biomedicine Convention, 11 CFREU, 10 AfCHR	Active involvement of individuals in decision making process, namely in decisions defining, determining and affecting their health
Freedom of Expression- Information (receive/impart information)	Art.: 19 UDHR, 19 ICCPR, 13 &17 CRC, 13 MWC, 21,29 & 30 CRPD, 8 &10 ECHR, 11 CFREU, 9 AfCHR, 13 ACHR	Access to information in the context of health, such as health risks, reproductive health, Access to personal data
Liberty and Security	Art.: 1 &3 UDHR, 9 ICCPR, 5 (b) ICERD, 37 (b)- (d) CRC, 12,14 &17 CRPD, 5 ECHR, 3 & 6 CFREU, 1 & 7 Biomedicine Convention, 6 AfCHR, 7 ACHR	Integrity, Consent to treatment, Lawful detention of (mental health) patients in case of public health hazards
Health	Art.: 12 ICESCR, 12 CEDAW, 24 CRC, 5 ICERD, 28,43 & 45 MWC, 9,25 & 26 CRPD 11 &13 RESC, 3 Biomedicine Convention, 35 CFREU, 16 AfCHR, 26 ACHR, 10 AP to the ACHR Access to health care	services and goods, to health-related rehabilitation services, to services in the area of reproductive and child health, to healthy occupational conditions, to public health programmes

Right to	Relevant Provisions in HRL	Issues related to health
Enjoy the Benefits of Scientific Progress and its Applications	Art.: 27(2) UDHR, 15(2)(b) & (3) ICESCR, 22 AfCHR, 26 ACHR	Promotion of science and scientific research in the field of medicine, <i>inter alia</i> , antiretroviral therapies and other forms of HIV/AIDS care, development of vaccines for limiting outbreaks of infectious diseases
Housing	Art.: 11 ICESCR, 21 & 27(3) CRC, 19 CRPD, 8 ECHR, 31 RESC	Precondition for the advancement of people's health-Social determinant of health, safe and adequate housing
Education	Art.: 13(1) &14 ICESCR, 24, 28 & 29 CRC, 10 CEDAW, 24 CRPD, 30, 43 & 45 MWC, 14 CFREU, 17 AfCHR, 26 ACHR, 13 AP to the ACHR	Social determinant of health, Access to education on health-related information, such as reproductive health
Food	Art.: 11 ICESCR, 27(3) CRC, 12 CEDAW, 11 RESC, 12 AP to the ACHR	Precondition for the advancement of people's health-Social determinant of health, Access to adequate and quality-nutritious foods
Social Security	Art.: 9 ICESCR, 13 & 14 CEDAW, 26 CRC, 5 ICERD, 27 MWC, 12,14,16 & 23 RESC, 9 AP to the ACHR	Social determinant of health, provision of services-benefits for the advancement of people's health
Work (employment)	Art: 6 & 7 ICESCR, 11 CEDAW, 17 & 18 CRC, 27 CRPD, 38-71 MWC, 15 CFREU, 1-4, 7-10, 18-22 & 24-29 RESC, 15 AfCHR, 6 & 7 AP to the ACHR	Social determinant of health, protection against occupational diseases, Obligation to ensure health and safety at work
Adequate Standard of Living	Art.: 25 UDHR, 11 ICESCR, 27 CRC, 28 CRPD, 30 RESC, 24 AfCHR	Social determinant of health, Adequate living conditions: access to adequate food, housing, clothing, work

Annex 2 Ratification by Greece of Human Rights Documents Recognizing the Right to Health

Treaty recognizing the Right to Health	Ratification/ Accession/ Signature Date	Greek Law incorporating the Treaty
UN International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)	16 May 1985 (accession)	Law 1532/1985, Official Government Gazette - ΦΕΚ issue A' 45/19-03-1985
UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)	7 June 1983 (signature: 2 March 1982)	Law 1342/1983, Official Government Gazette - ΦΕΚ issue A' 39/01-04-1983
UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	11 May 1993 (signature: 26 January 1990)	Law 2101/1992, Official Government Gazette - ΦΕΚ issue A' 192/02-12-1992
UN International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)	18 June 1970 (signature: 7 March 1966)	Legislative Decree 494/1970, Official Government Gazette - ΦΕΚ issue A' 77/03-04-1970
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	31 May 2012 (signature: 26 January 1990)	Law 4074/2012, Official Government Gazette - ΦΕΚ issue A' 88/11-04-2012
European Social Charter (ESC)	6 June 1984 (signature: 18 October 1961)	Law 1426/1984, Official Government Gazette - ΦΕΚ issue A' 32/21-03-1984
Revised European Social Charter (RESC)	18 March 2016 (signature: 3 May 1996)	Law 4359/2016, Official Government Gazette - ΦΕΚ issue A' 5/20-01-2016
Biomedicine Convention	6 October 1998 (signature: 4 April 1997)	Law 2619/1998, Official Government Gazette - ΦΕΚ issue A' 132/19-06-1998