(quantitative ceiling). Cantons may exclude any further admission if the density of service suppliers in the canton is above the regional or the national average (SR 832.10, Article 55*a* and SR 832.103, all Articles).

Swiss nationality is required to practice a medical profession independently. However, a foreign natural person may exercise the medical profession in a practice provided the practice is located in a region where the number of professionals is proven to be insufficient (economic needs test), and if its diploma is recognised as equivalent and the foreign natural person speaks a national language. Moreover, a foreign natural person may be allowed to practice independently a medical profession in a specific hospital in the case where that person is allowed to teach within accredited course programmes in that hospital, and if his or her diploma is recognised as equivalent. (SR 811.11, Articles 2, 12, 15, 34, 36; SR 811.112.0, Article 14).

Chiropractors are required to pass the federal exam for chiropractors (diploma and postgraduate title). Applicants are requested to have successfully completed professional training in one of the institutions listed in Article 40 paragraph 1 of SR 832.112.31 (see also SR 832.102, Article 44). Cantons may, on a case-by-case and discretionary basis, admit institutions additional to those listed in Article 40, paragraph 1, of SR 832.112.31. Osteopaths are required to pass the intercantonal exam for osteopaths.

For reimbursement by compulsory (and additional) health and medical insurance, certain occupations (CPC 93191, nursing services, physiotherapeutic and para-medical services) require registration at the cantonal level (SR 811.11, Articles 2 and 15; SR 832.112.31, Articles 5, 6, 9*b*, 9*c* and 11).

Medical services supplied abroad are covered by compulsory health insurance or by accident and occupational disease insurance in emergency cases only if the treatment cannot be provided in Switzerland (SR 832.10 Article 34; SR 832.102, Article 36; SR 832.20, Article 10; SR 832.202, Article 17).

Medical laboratories may be subject to an exclusive service suppliers scheme (SR 832.102, Article 54).

Note for transparency: Reimbursement is capped at twice the amount of the costs that would be reimbursed in Switzerland.

Note for transparency: Medical services supplied in adjacent countries may be covered by compulsory health insurance under specific conditions as defined by the Federal Council.