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A Handbook for a Multidisciplinary Approach

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What can and should be done if a rejectee or an illegal alien claims to suffer from a serious illness which can only be treated in the country where a residence permit has been sought and/or refused? Should health be considered and accepted as a ground for granting an alien access to a specific country and its health services?

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