

**TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 9: LABOR**

**§ 9141. Wages, Maintenance, and Benefits for Sick and Injured Seamen.**

(a) In the event of disabling sickness or injury while a seaman is on board a vessel under signed shipping articles, or off the vessel pursuant to an actual mission assigned to him by, the authority of the master, the seaman shall be entitled to:

(1) Full wages, as long as the seaman is sick or injured and remains on board the vessel;

(2) Medical and surgical treatment and supply of proper and sufficient medicine and therapeutical appliances, until medically declared to have reached a maximum cure or to be incurable, but in no event more than 30 weeks from the day of injury or commencement of the sickness;

(3) An amount equal to board and lodging up to a maximum period of 30 weeks, and one-third of his base wages during any portion of that period subsequent to his landing from the vessel but not to exceed a maximum period of 16 weeks commencing from the day of injury or commencement of the sickness;

(4) Repatriation as provided in 4 CMC § 9152 including, in addition, all charges for transportation, accommodation and food during the journey and maintenance up to the time fixed for the seaman's departure.

(b) The shipowner or representative shall take adequate measures for safeguarding property left on board by a sick, injured, or deceased seaman.

(c) The seaman is not entitled to any of the preceding benefits:

(1) If the sickness or injury resulted from his willful act, default, or misconduct;

(2) If the sickness or injury developed from a condition which was intentionally concealed from the employer at or prior to engagement of the seaman under the articles;

(3) If the seaman refuses medical treatment for the sickness or injury or is denied treatment because of misconduct or default;

(4) If at the time of engagement the seaman refused to be medically examined.

(d) The seaman shall have a maritime lien against the vessel for any wages due under this section.

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