Medical assistance to seafarers in ports with Covid-19

- The system of medical assistance to seafarers in ports is now limited due to the Covid-19 crisis.

- Therefore before sending a seafarer on land for medical care the ship should be in direct contact with the receiving medical service.

- This can be arranged through the normal intermediary used in ports: shipping agent or others.

- This dispatching is necessary because hospitals and clinics are not allowed and do not want to receive patients that are a risk for infection or a waste of resources because not urgent.

- If a seafarer cannot land for medical care, the ship has to seek advice from a TMAS or other medical advice service with experience in the matter and possible contacts on land.

- Ship visitors and other intermediaries in ports should be aware of this difficult situation of seafarers and try to mediate where possible.