

Health: people in need of protection from Ukraine

Important questions (March 19, 2022)

Is there a right to medical care in Switzerland?

In Switzerland, medical care is available to everyone.

How do people in need of protection in Switzerland get health insurance?

People with an S permit:

- People with an S permit will be covered by health and accident insurance by the public authorities in the placement cantons.
- To receive an S permit and insurance coverage, please contact one of the federal asylum centres.
- Once you have applied for an S permit, the public authorities will take out health insurance on your behalf.
- The insurance coverage takes effect immediately when you submit your application for asylum.

People without an S permit:

- If you are staying with relatives or private individuals but do not have an S permit, you do not have to have health insurance for the first three months.
- In that case, your medical care can be covered by your travel insurance or your host's guest insurance policy.
- If you are not covered by either of these insurances, we advise you to apply for an S permit, which comes with health insurance, as quickly as possible.
- Your Ukrainian health insurance policy is not sufficient for medical treatment in Switzerland.



What pays health insurance to people in need of protection?

- Swiss health insurance gives people in need of protection the right to basic medical care.
- However, the choice of doctor is limited.
- Please follow the instructions from the authorities taking care of you in your placement canton. They will explain to you who you should contact in the event of illness, accident, mental health issues or pregnancy.

Accident insurance:

- While you are unable to work in Switzerland, your accident insurance is part of your health insurance.
- But if you work, your employer must insure you for accidents.

Where can I find health information in Ukrainian?

- The migesplus.ch website contains a lot of health information translated into the languages of the migrant communities.
- The www.migesplus.ch/ukraine website is specifically for asylum-seekers from Ukraine.

