

Information for asylum seekers

If you are still in the asylum process or have a “Duldung” (tolerated status), the following applies: You do not have health insurance, but the “Sozialamt” (Social Welfare Office) provides basic care.

If you are physically or mentally ill and need to see a doctor, you will receive a medical treatment certificate (Behandlungsschein) from the Social Welfare Office (Sozialamt). With this, your visit to the doctor is free of charge.

As an asylum applicant in Germany, you are entitled to:

- basic medical care (that is, in cases of acute illness and pain, you can visit a doctor’s surgery),
- medical care if you are chronically ill (if you have, for example, diabetes, epilepsy or a psychiatric illness),
- recommended vaccinations
(Detailed information in 21 languages can be found [here](#))
- preventative check-ups,
- medical care during pregnancy and birth,
- medical care following a traumatic event (rape, torture, violence).

As soon as you have a residence permit (Aufenthaltstitel), you must register with a regular health insurance company. From the health insurer, you will get a health insurance card. With this card, you have the right to the same health services as all residents in Germany.

 [Here you can get information about the Social Welfare Office.](#)

Here you can get information about the [Job Centre](#).