



Access to the healthcare system in the Autonomous Community of Madrid for foreign nationals not entitled to an individual health card (TSI)

The Autonomous Community of Madrid has established different procedures so that people not entitled to an individual health card may receive healthcare under the same conditions as other citizens.





A) If you are in an irregular administrative situation:

You are entitled to free healthcare

- **1.** You must be registered in the municipality where you are going to live.
- 2. Once you can prove that you have been registered for 3 months, you should go to the health centre nearest your home and ask for an appointment at one of the seven Processing Units in charge of your application to access to the healthcare system.
- **3.** At the Processing Unit, you can apply for the Foreigner's Healthcare Document (DASE *-Documento de Asistencia Sanitaria para Ciudadanos Extranjeros*), which is the official document issued by the Autonomous Community of Madrid for foreigners with irregular status. The DASE provides access to all the benefits of the Spanish National Health System, including a 40% contribution to the price of prescriptions. This document is valid for two years and renewable as long as the requirements continue to be met. To apply for it, you should submit the application form, your passport and your municipal registration certificate.
- **4.** Once you have your DASE, you can make an appointment with the family doctor at your assigned healthcare centre who will refer you for specialist HIV care and treatment.



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B) If you are an asylum seeker:



You are entitled to free healthcare while you have status as an applicant for international protection

- **1.** You must be registered in the municipality where you are going to live.
- 2. As an asylum seeker, you will be issued with a document certifying your status as an asylum seeker (red card or white receipt of application "Certificate of presentation of application for International Protection").
- **3.** You should go to the healthcare centre nearest your home to request an appointment at the corresponding Processing Unit to process your application for access to the healthcare system.
- 4. At the Processing Unit, you can apply for the DASPI (Healthcare Document for Citizens who are Applying for International Protection). The DASPI provides access to all the benefits of the Spanish National Health System, including a 40% contribution to the price of prescriptions. This document has the same validity as the red card or white receipt for asylum application. To apply for it, you should submit the application form, your passport and your municipal registration certificate and a valid document certifying your status as an asylum seeker (red card or white receipt of the asylum application).
- 5. Once you have your DASPI, you can make an appointment with the family doctor at your assigned healthcare centre who will refer you for specialist HIV care and treatment.

C) If you have a student visa:



You are not entitled to free healthcare

- **1.** You must take out private health insurance or contact your insurance company in your country of origin to receive healthcare in Spain.
- **2.** This insurance does not cover HIV monitoring or antiretroviral medication.
- **3.** You may contact an NGO to help you to access the healthcare system through another channel.





You can call: 683 280 312



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D) If you are in Madrid and you need care for public health reasons:



You are entitled to free healthcare

The Madrid Regional Government has introduced a procedure to allow people who do not have a healthcare document or individual health card access to emergency care. This access procedure is aimed at people with both obvious and non-obvious cause to seek public healthcare. Obvious cause includes pregnant women and minors while non-obvious cause includes persons whose care is related to contemplated public health reasons, such as confirmed or suspected diagnoses of notifiable diseases (HIV, tuberculosis, and other sexually transmitted infections).

Regardless of whether the person registers to receive urgent care using this procedure, an application for the Foreigner's Healthcare document (DASE *-Documento de Asistencia Sanitaria para Ciudadanos Extranjeros*) or the Healthcare Document for Citizens who are Applying for International Protection (DASPI) must be submitted for healthcare not to be charged.

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- If you are pregnant, a minor or have a communicable disease that poses a risk to public health and you require urgent care, go to the administrative unit of the health centre or the Hospital Emergency Admissions Service.
- 2. The health centre or hospital will check that you do not have health cover through any other channel. They will also give you instructions so you may receive healthcare, and organise medical appointments, an appointment with the Social Work Unit, an appointment with the Processing Unit and a CIPA number (Autonomous Region Personal Identification Code).
- **3.** If you are pregnant or a minor, you will be registered in the health system so that you can receive care and treatment for your condition until you obtain the DASE or DASPI.
- 4. If you have a communicable disease, you will be registered provisionally until you receive clinical assessment of likelihood for public health reasons. Upon determination that care is required for public health reasons, it is guaranteed that the care will not be billed and will be publicly funded.
- **5.** Upon obtaining the DASE or DASPI, you will continue to receive healthcare, albeit following the procedure established by the specific document.



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