

Non-working residence permit and access to antiretroviral treatment

Some foreigners who migrate to Spain do so with non-working residence status. This permit allows them to live in Spain legally but not to work. People with this type of permit often wonder whether they can access the public health system in Spain.

The non-working residence permit does not in fact entitle holders to public healthcare. This type of permit requires migrants to take out public or private health insurance with an insurance company authorised to operate in Spain. They should therefore use this insurance if they require healthcare during their stay in the country.

Given that **most private health insurance does not cover either pharmaceutical provision or pre-existing diseases**, foreigners with HIV and a non-working residence permit cannot usually use their insurance to obtain antiretroviral medication. The alternative here is to buy the HIV medication.



Antiretroviral treatment is not available at local pharmacies because in Spain this medication is only dispensed in hospitals upon medical prescription and by consultation with a specialist doctor who will prescribe it. **People with HIV and with non-working residence should therefore go to the nearest hospital, either public or private, and tell reception that they require antiretroviral medication or that they wish to be treated by an infectious disease specialist.**

They should then be attended by a doctor who will refer them for the respective tests and, lastly, prescribed the appropriate antiretroviral treatment. **At the hospital they will be treated as private patients and must assume the cost of the healthcare received**, including the antiretroviral treatment prescribed. Care for these patients will be billed by the respective health centre administrations and based on actual costs.

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