

**Undocumented migrants have
the legal right to health care**

Since 2013 undocumented migrants have the legal right to subsidized health care in accordance with Law 2013:407



Right to health care

Adults

You have the right to the same health care as adult asylum seekers. Which means health care that cannot be postponed, including dental, maternity care (pregnancy check ups), contraception advice, health care connected with abortion and a medical examination. In addition the county is given the ability to provide health care, up to the same level as for residents. Health care staff assess if you need care that cannot be postponed.

Children

All children residing in Sweden shall be offered the same health care as residents and asylum-seeking children, i.e. subsidized comprehensive health care including regular dental care.

Charges

The bulk of the cost for health care is paid for by the state. The part you have to pay yourself is called patient fee:

- Patient Fees may vary between different counties.
- Doctor visits at health care center or local emergency unit: 50 kr
- Pharmaceutical withdrawals: 50 kr
- Health examination and care that is carried out under support of the Infectious Diseases Act shall be free of cost.

Things to consider

Patient number: When you are in contact with the health care you receive a patient number, this number will only work as identification within health care. Please always bring your patient number when visiting health care. Try to use the same patient number at each visit. If you do not know your patient number, please check if there already is a number before creating a new one.

Id: It is a good idea if you bring an ID document with you when you are in contact with health care services (identification, old LMA card, passport or copy of ID documentation). If you do not have an ID document, you are entitled to health care anyway.

Contact information: The health care sometimes need to get in touch with you and, therefore, usually ask for an address and telephone number. If you have a c/o address, it is important that you provide the name that is on the door. If you do not have an address, you can leave just a phone number. If you cannot speak Swedish, it is a good idea to give the phone number of a Swedish-speaking contact person

Privacy: All health care staff have an obligation for profession secrecy and health care is not allowed to contact the public authorities such as the Migration Agency or the police.

Pharmacy: E-prescriptions must be prescribed to a specific pharmacy, the e-prescription usually requires you to identify yourself. Therefore, a paper prescription is preferable.

In case of acute illness:

Go to the nearest emergency room!

Important telephone numbers:

Ambulance:

112

Health care advice:

1177

Health care advice in Somali:

Stockholm, Skåne & Västra götaland

0771 – 11 77 91

Health care advice in Arabic:

Stockholm, Skåne & Västra götaland

0771 – 11 77 90

If you have questions or want to learn more,
contact the Red Cross Health Center in:

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