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GENERAL HEALTH INSURANCE FOR FOREIGNERS



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► Which foreign nationals benefit universal health insurance?

Considering the principal of reciprocity;

Foreign nationals

- who has receive residence permit;
- who are not insured under any foreign social security legislation and have no right to benefit from health insurance;
- whose residence duration exceeds continually one-year in Turkey and applied to benefit from universal health insurance as of this date shall benefit from universal health insurance.

► Is it obligatory for all foreign nationals to apply for universal health insurance?

No. Foreign nationals shall be recorded under universal health insurance upon their request.

► Where should foreign nationals submit their application for universal health insurance?

Foreign nationals are required to submit their application to the nearest provincial/central directorate of social security institution in the place of their residence.

► Which documents foreign nationals are required to submit in the application for universal health insurance?

- Residence permit,
- Original or copy of the documents given by the relevant foreign country's social security institution or labour attaches and indicating social security status in terms of universal health insurance,
- Recognisance form

► Which health services do the foreign nationals benefit from?

Universal health insurance includes the treatment of illnesses except for chronic illnesses which occur before the date when foreign nationals are regarded as universal health insurance holders or their dependants.

► **Is it possible for the dependants of foreign nationals under universal health insurance to receive healthcare services?**

On condition that they reside in homeland territory, except for those who study abroad, and are not insured under the legislation of any country, foreign nationals

- Partners,
- Children under the age of 18,
- Unmarried children under the age of 20 in case of receiving high school education,
- Unmarried children under the age of 25 in case of receiving university education,
- Unmarried children who are ascertained disabled regardless of their age,
- Parents who are identified to be looked after by foreign nationals according to the criteria determined by the Institution. shall benefit from healthcare services.

► **How are foreign nationals' universal health insurance terminated?**

In this context, foreign nationals universal health insurance shall be terminated as of the date when

- The duration of the residence permit ends,
- They are insured under the legislation of any foreign country,
- They are insured under another coverage,
- They are regarded as dependants of universal health insurance holder.

► **How do the persons who are holder of the international protection application or status and regarded as stateless persons benefit universal health insurance?**

The persons who have no social security or are unable to afford the premium may benefit from the universal health insurance upon their application within one month following the date when they are identified as the holder of the international protection application or status and the stateless by the Ministry of Interior Directorate General of Migration Management. The universal health insurance premiums of those persons are paid by the relevant institutions.

► **Are foreign national students included in the scope of universal health insurance?**

Foreign students studying in our country are covered under universal health insurance upon their request within three months following the date they have registered the school without requiring one year period residence. Those who do not apply in this period cannot benefit from general health insurance.

► **How much the premium rate do foreign nationals have to pay?**

These persons pay % 24 of minimum wage.

► **How much the ratio of universal health insurance premium do foreign students pay?**


These persons pay % 4 of minimum wage. In this context, the persons who are regarded as holders of universal health insurance shall pay the total amount of universal health insurance premium in one education period to the institution within one month following the date of registration. The differences in premiums resulting from the changes in minimum wage shall be paid to the institution (SSI) by the end of the month when the change occurs. It is required for students to follow changes in January as minimum wages change every January.

► **How is the general universal health insurance of foreign students under the age of 18 initiated?**

Universal health insurance registry procedures of these students are implemented within the scope of protocols to be made between public administrations which bring foreign students to Turkey, state institutions and organizations and Social Security Institution. Also, the applications related to registry procedures may be carried out by parents/guardian or the institution which brings the foreign students to Turkey whether they are under the age of 18 or not.

► **How is universal health insurance of foreign students terminated?**

Foreign students' universal health insurance shall be terminated as of the date when they complete their education, they are regarded as the dependants of the holders of universal health insurance or they are regarded as a holder of universal health insurance under any other coverage.

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- ▶ Foreign nationals expected to pay % 24 premiums of minimum wage.
The amount of the premium payable between is 1/1/2014-30/06/2014 is 257,04 TL
The amount of the premium payable between is 31/12/2014-31/07/2014 is 272,16 TL
 - ▶ Foreign students expected to pay % 4 premiums of minimum wage.
The amount of the premium payable between is 1/1/2014-30/06/2014 is 42,84 TL
The amount of the premium payable between is 31/12/2014-31/07/2014 is 45,36 TL
The foreign students are registered under one year insurance and have to pay the amount of one year premium.