



Patiënteninformatie

Infobrochure niet Belgisch verzekerde patiënten: niet-geplande opname



A stay at hospital costs money. A treatment, operation, examination or visit to the doctor each has a fee as well. The price can range from a few dozen euros for a doctor's visit to hundreds of euros for certain types of tests (medical imaging, endoscopy, etc).

When admitted to hospital, the fees can run up to thousands of euros. This depends on the length of the hospitalization and the types of treatment given.

Often the patients are billed only for a portion of these costs. Do you have hospitalization insurance? If so, the hospital can (usually) charge the hospital fees directly to the insurer. In that case you will receive an invoice only for the personal portion of the costs.

Therefore it is important that the hospital have the right documents and information about your hospitalization insurance.

It is important that you get your papers in order as quickly as possible.

Depending on your situation, the following arrangements are possible:

You are officially domiciled in Belgium but are not a member of the mutual insurance fund

Go to the mutual insurance fund of your choice and take out a membership. They will tell you what documents you need in order to do so.

You are officially domiciled in another EU country and have valid health insurance there

In the event of a planned hospital admission or treatment

Ask your insurer to provide the necessary certificates before your stay in our hospital (form E112 of S2 or payment guarantee). It is important in this regard that you present the original documents to us. The document must be valid for the entire period of your stay in the hospital.

For unplanned medical care (emergency admission)

Provide us with a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or another form of proof in its place. You can receive one of these from your insurer in your home country. (www.europa.eu/social).

You have no legal domicile in Belgium and you have no financial means of paying the costs of your medical treatment

Go see the CPAS/OCMW (public welfare centre) of the municipality you are staying in. They will investigate the possibility of covering your medical costs. If that is the case, they will give you the necessary documents for the hospital.

You don't meet any of the above conditions or you are unable to provide the hospital with any valid documents

You will be asked to pay an advance. The following fees can be charged in this case:

- Out-patient care: from 30 euros to 280 euros
- Day hospital: from 280 euros to 1000 euros
- Hospitalization: from 400 euros to 850 euros per day

If you need help arranging the above matters, please feel free to contact the social services of your municipality or of the hospital, or phone 014 44 41 44 or 014 44 41 45.

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