

AMU / DMH

The right to health care for people without legal stay permit



What is AMU / DMH?

An Urgent Medical Aid (AMU in French and DMH in Dutch) is an aid foreseen by the Belgian State for people without legal stay permit. Its aim is to allow people without a legal stay permit to have access to medical aid.



Are you entitled to this aid?

You are, if:

- › You are without resources = **i.e. You cannot afford to pay for medical aid or the amount to pay is too expensive to allow you to still live with dignity.**
 - › You are staying illegally : **You must explain your situation and show the documents which can help to understand your stay situation (for example, an expired visa, a no longer valid stay permit, an order to leave the territory...).**
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Where can you request this aid?

You must request for an Urgent Medical Aid at the CPAS (OCMW in Dutch) of the commune where you regularly stay (i.e. where you live).

- ▶ **For further information, please consult our form: « CPAS / OCMW. How to request an Urgent Medical Aid (i.e. a medical aid for a person without legal stay permit)? »**
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Are AMU's only for emergency care?

No, this aid is said to be urgent but, practically, this medical aid is broader than the "112" emergency help service or the hospitals' emergency services.

All kinds of cares can be taken in charge: for example, consultations by a doctor or a dentist, medications, blood samples, operations...

This aid can be delivered in hospitals or outside of them.

- ▶ The medical aid can also be preventive (i.e. to prevent medical problems). A few examples: vaccines, monitoring a pregnancy...



Who decides if care is subject to AMU?

The physician decides whether the care is subject to an Urgent Medical Aid.

If so, he/she then fills up an 'Urgent Medical Aid' certificate. This certificate is necessary for the medical care to be paid for. It also serves as proof in case of control by the State. The physician or the CPAS will keep this certificate.



Who pays for these medical cares?

The CPAS does, or an organisation named CAAMI (in French) or HZIV (in Dutch).

The Belgian State reimburses all cares which are to be found on a list called INAMI nomenclature, in French (RIZIV in Dutch). Sometimes, cares or medications cannot be found on INAMI's nomenclature (such as some painkillers, dental prosthesis, orthopaedic shoes, glasses...).

- ▶ It may sometimes be complicated to determine whether a care can be found on INAMI's nomenclature, as this can depend on the seriousness of the medical problem or the age of the patient. In case of doubt, please enquire with your physician or pharmacist!

If the cares are not listed, the CPAS can still pay for them but the Belgian State will not reimburse them.



Can a AMU request have negative consequences?

No, CPAS' social workers are submitted to professional secrecy and information which are stated on medical certificates are confidential. Neither the police, nor the Foreigners' Office can be notified of this medical aid. In 25 years of existence, Medimmigrant received no complaint whatsoever regarding this Urgent Medical Aid topic.

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