

HEALTH

Italy has a public health care system named National Health Service (NHS), divided into Local Health Areas (AUSL). Info about AUSL in Bologna: www.ausl.bologna.it

If you are a student with citizenship in one of the 28 European Union countries, you have the European Health Insurance Card (European Health Insurance Card - EHIC), which in Italian is called TEAM (Tessera Europea di Assicurazione Malattia).

With this card you can get health care in Italy, and you'll receive the necessary care for your health in the same way as Italian citizens: free of charge, or with the payment of a fee (ticket) for specialist visits or medications needed for treatment prescribed by your doctor.

Take it with you.

Do you need a visit to a primary care physician?

In this link, entering your address in Bologna, you will find the one nearest

<http://www.progetto-sole.it/cercamedico/>

just bring your card with you and go to his clinic in visiting hours.

The medical examination is free of charge. Only a primary care physician can prescribe medicines and specialist visits, with a recipe that you will use at the Chemist's.

Do you need a specialist visit?

The request of the primary care physician is necessary for a specialist visit; with this request you can book the visit at Chemist's doing this service; for the visit (ie: dermatology, gynecology, etc) you have to pay a ticket, as a contribution to health care costs.

Do you need an urgent visit because you're sick and your primary care physician is not there?

Go to the Emergency Room of one of the Hospital in the city (Rizzoli, Maggiore, for example)

Toothache?

For dental care the NHS provides services only to diagnosis and intervention in emergencies. In any other case, look for a dental office (dental care costs are not funded by the Italian National Health System)

If you are a non-EU citizen you can take advantage of the National Health Service, but only after paying an annual sum. Remember that, by the Residence Permit, this health insurance is paid by you. In this way, the Insurance is the funding organization for your care costs.