

# The key points in brief

**As an asylum seeker, you are entitled to basic medical care.**

## WHAT?

Compulsory health examination according to section 62 of the Asylum Seeker Benefits Act (§ 62 AsylG):

- Physical examination to detect infectious diseases
- A lung x-ray to exclude tuberculosis
- Blood test (hepatitis B, HIV)

## Medical care:

- For acute illness and pain, incl. medication and wound dressings
- Preventive health checks and vaccinations required on medical grounds
- Pregnancy and birth
- Measures that are essential for safeguarding health
- Comprehensive care for children and unaccompanied minors
- Special care for victims of rape, torture or violence

## HOW and WHERE?

You apply for an electronic health care card (elektronische Gesundheitskarte) at the State Office for Refugee Affairs (Landesamt für Flüchtlingsangelegenheiten, LAF), which you present to the doctor before the consultation. If you haven't received the card yet, proof of application is sufficient. In individual cases, the LAF may approve additional necessary treatment.

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## Medical care for asylum seekers in Berlin

Arriving, recovering, staying healthy.

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# Welcome to Berlin!

With this brochure, we would like to give people applying for asylum in Berlin basic information about health services.

After your arrival in Germany, it is important that you also take care of your health. As an asylum seeker, you are entitled to basic medical care. It is provided through government authorities: the Public Health Office (Gesundheitsamt) and the State Office for Refugee Affairs (Landesamt für Flüchtlingsangelegenheiten, LAF).

We have collated the most important information for you:

## What are my rights in relation to medical care?

According to the German Asylum Seeker Benefits Act (Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz), you are entitled to basic medical care and medically indicated dental care during the first 15 months of your stay.



It includes the treatment of acute illness and pain, medications and wound dressings, preventive health checks that are required on medical grounds, as well as standard vaccinations. Medical care related to pregnancy and childbirth is also included.

If you have special needs that are recognised under the Residence Act (Aufenthaltsgesetz), e.g. as a minor or as a person who has suffered torture, rape or other severe forms of emotional, physical or sexual violence, you may be entitled to receive more comprehensive medical care.

## What are my obligations in relation to my own health and the health of other people?

If you are housed in a refugee reception centre or in a shared accommodation facility, you must submit to a health examination according to section 62 of the Asylum Seeker Benefits Act (§ 62 AsylG). It is carried out by the State Office for Refugee Affairs (Landesamt für Flüchtlingsangelegenheiten, LAF).

It includes:

- A physical examination regarding transmissible diseases
- Lung x-ray to exclude tuberculosis, or a blood test (for pregnant women and children between 10 and 14 years old) instead
- A blood test (hepatitis B, HIV)

Your participation in this examination is important. It contributes to preventing the spread of infectious diseases and therefore protects you and others.

## How do I access medical care?

As part of your registration as an asylum-seeker, the State Office for Refugee Affairs (Landesamt für Flüchtlingsangelegenheiten, LAF) will apply for an electronic health care card (elektronische Gesundheitskarte) for you. When you are ill or in pain, you go to a doctor and present this card.

If you haven't yet received your card, you can show the doctor the printed application form instead. Please keep it in a safe place until you have received the card.

You can obtain information about doctor's practices in your area from your refugee reception centre or shared accommodation facility.

