

HEALTH CARE FOR FOREIGNERS WITHOUT RESIDENCE PERMIT: STP CODE

On Italian territory, health care is guaranteed for urgent or essential care for foreigners without a residence permit (foreigners temporarily present / STP), without any type of notification to the authority.

Urgent care means care that cannot be deferred without endangering life or damaging the health of the person.

Essential care refers to the health, diagnostic and therapeutic services, related to non-dangerous diseases in the immediate and short term, but which over time could lead to greater damage to health or risks to life (complications, chronic conditions or aggravations).

Foreigners temporarily present are insured, in particular:

- urgent or essential outpatient and inpatient care, even if continuous, due to illness and accident;
- assistance during pregnancy and maternity;
- assistance for the voluntary interruption of pregnancy;
- protecting the health of the child;
- vaccinations provided for by national legislation and in the context of collective prevention interventions authorized by the Region; international vaccinations;
- prophylaxis, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious diseases;
- free distribution of essential medicines.

To receive health care, you must be registered with the National Health Service with the STP code, which is valid for six months and is renewable if you stay in Italy.

To obtain the STP code it is necessary to contact the ASL/Centro I.S.I. (Immigrant Health Information):

- **Cuneo - via Carlo Boggio 12**
tel. 0171 450340 – Monday and Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m;
- **Saluzzo - via della Resistenza, 16/H (Complesso Le Corti)**
tel. 0175 479616 – Thursday, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The STP code is issued even in the absence of a passport or other documents and must always be carried and exhibited to take advantage of the health services to which you are entitled.

Only in the event that the foreign person does not have the STP code and needs treatment at the Emergency Room, the Administrative staff in the triage acceptance phase will request the STP code by filling in the necessary forms (general personal declaration with a photocopy of an identity document or substitutive declaration of the personal details supplied by the patient, a declaration of indigence). The STP code must be subsequently taken by the interested party or by a person delegated with an identity document at the ISI Center (starting 48 hours after the request made in the Emergency Room, during the opening hours to the public).

In the Hospital and the ASL, an Intercultural Mediation Service is active, at the request of the staff, to facilitate the healing relationship and health care.