

## PROMOTION AND ACCESS GUIDE TO THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (NHS)

National Health Service (HNS is SSN in Italy) is providing all facilities and supervision of health services and health care to all Italian citizens and foreigners.

To benefit from the services provided by the National Health Service (SSN) must join the health district in your residence place.

### THE HEALTH CARD GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO

- ◆ have a family doctor or paediatrician;
- ◆ receive specialized care, paying only a basic amount (ticket);
- ◆ can be hospitalized in the public or conventional structures;
- ◆ can buy drugs.

### HEALTH CARE FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS WITH RESIDENCE PERMIT

Foreigners who hold a residence permit for employment contract, private business, and temporary unemployed service subscription at the Labour Office, for family reasons, political asylum, humanitarian asylum, pending adoption of the temporary placement, in pending the granting of citizenship, in progress adoption, shall enjoy the same rights and same obligations as Italian citizens. In these cases, the subscription to National Health Service is compulsory and free. Expand health assistance on family members of the same subscription, on the same right of residence documents available. Foreigners with a residence permit, but not included in this rules above, is required to be insured against sickness,

accident and maternity benefits through private insurance policies and / or through voluntary subscription at the National Health Service. Healthcare in this case does not extend to members of the family.

The only limitation is the exclusion of dependent family members from the benefits, which are only due to the optional registered party. Foreign citizen awaiting renewal or issued of the residence permit do not lose the right to be registered with the SSN and can do it any time. If the residence permit cannot be renewed or in case of expulsion, the right to have subscription is annulated, exception made the appeal at Law Court.

### HEALTHCARE FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS WITHOUT REGULARLY PERMIT OF STAY

Foreign citizens temporarily present (ENI or STP by case) which do not comply with the provisions regarding entry and stay in Italy, can not be enrolled in the National Health Service. In any case are guaranteed by public bodies and the conventional hospitals structures for treatment in case of emergency, essential cures, continuative, even on a certain continuous bases regarding illness and injury. In particular, it is guaranteed:

- ◆ social protection and assistance of pregnancy and motherhood, with the same treatment as Italian women;
- ◆ protection and assistance of children's health;
- ◆ vaccination according to the programs in force;
- ◆ international preventive treatment for certain disease;
- ◆ prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infective diseases.

These types of services are guaranteed to the foreign persons without economic sustantment, except the rates of contribution (ticket) to health expenditure, in the same amount of participation by Italian citizens. Undocumented alien's access to health care facilities generally does not behave in any way their complaint to the judicial authorities, except as provided by law, in certain cases, the pre medical and Italian citizens equally.

### THE FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE

Family Counselling Centre is a social service that provides health prevention treatments, social services, health information and education, with specialist support staff: psychologists, social workers, gynaecologists, nurses, and paediatrics. Our services are free and accessible to everyone, Italians or temporary or permanent immigrants, with or without the regularly documents on Italian territory, without any complaint to the authorities.

At **Family Counselling Centre** can come in for:

- ◆ information and / or psychological and social advice individually, in couples, or family;
- ◆ protection from child to adoption or taking temporary placement;
- ◆ gynaecological consultations and information;
- ◆ training courses for childbirth;
- ◆ consult information and certification for a voluntary interruption of pregnancy (IVG);
- ◆ prevention of oncology diseases through PAP test;
- ◆ information and support women who wish to give birth without declaring the child's name and / or taking adoption immediately after birth in hospital, as required by Italian law.

## Where to find social and health districts in the Asl BT

**District n. 1 – Margherita di Savoia**  
Via Vanvitelli – tel. 0883-652918

**District n. 2 – Andria**  
Via Vittore Carpaccio – tel. 0883-299818

**District n. 3 – Canosa di Puglia**  
Via G. Bovio, 81 – tel. 0883-641386  
tel. 0883-696611 Minervino Murge

**District n. 4 – Barletta**  
Piazza Principe Umberto – tel. 0883-577809

**District n. 5 – Trani**  
Corso Imbriani – tel. 0883-483410  
tel. 080-3363254 – Bisceglie

## Family counselling centres in the Asl BT

**ANDRIA**  
Dr Maria Milano  
Via Don Luigi Sturzo 35, tel. 0883-299.555

**BARLETTA\***  
*Consultorio n. 1*  
Dr Loredana Tarricone  
Largo 2 Giugno, tel. 0883-577.309

*Consultorio n. 2*  
Dr Elisa Manta  
Piazza Umberto, tel. 0883-577.343/155

**BISCEGLIE**  
Dr Vincenza Di Franco  
Via Bovio 35, tel. 080-395.5881

**CANOSA DI PUGLIA**  
Dr Antonella D'Ambrosio  
c/o Hospital via G. Bovio 81,  
tel. 0883-641.360, fax 0883-641.364

**MARGHERITA DI SAVOIA**  
Dr Elsa Russo  
Via Vanvitelli 2, tel. 0883-577.461

**MINERVINO MURGE**  
Dr Antonella D'Ambrosio  
Via Nino Bixio 47, tel. 0883-691.081

**TRANI**  
Dr Maria Ambrosio  
Via Marsala, tel. 0883-483.473

The Family Counselling Centres are open:  
Mon-Fri 09.00 a.m. – 01.00 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday 03.30 p.m. – 05.30 p.m.

\* *Barletta only, the afternoon opening is  
Monday and Thursday 03.00 p.m. – 06.00 p.m.*

**Day Surgery – Andria**  
c/o Casa di Accoglienza S. Maria Goretti  
Ufficio per l'emigrazioni della Diocesi di  
Andria – Via Quarti 11, Tel. 0883-592369

Referente Aziendale Mediazione Interculturale  
Assistente Sociale Lucia Negroponte  
tel. 0883/577985 – fax 0883/577986

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**Azienda Sanitaria Locale BT**  
**Via Fornaci 201 - Andria**  
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## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO REGULAR AND IRREGULAR FOREIGNERS



Istituto Nazionale per la promozione della salute delle popolazioni  
Migranti e per il contrasto delle malattie della Povertà