



## A student goes to the doctor - - about free healthcare for students

According to the law, university students from EU/EFTA Member States are covered by compulsory health insurance. Students **up to 26 years of age may be covered by their parents' insurance**. To obtain such status, at least one of the parents should apply for coverage of their son or daughter as a family member. If this option is not available for a student whose parents are not insured and who has no other valid basis of coverage, the university should apply for his or her health insurance coverage. If the student is employed under regular employment contract, his or her employer reports the student to the health insurance system and makes due payments. If the student is self-employed, he or she is in charge of these duties.

### Proof of entitlement to health care services financed by the National Health Fund for a student?



Each insured student should be able to confirm his or her entitlement to health care services financed by the National Health Fund at the doctor's through the electronic system called eWUŚ. If it is not possible, students can present suitable documents certifying their registration with the health insurance system or write a statement about their entitlement. After fulfilling these procedures doctors are obliged to provide a full range of necessary health care services (including prescribing refunded drugs).

### What are the rules for a person studying outside his or her registered place of residence to go to a GP?



Anyone who is insured with the National Health Fund (Polish abbreviation: NFZ), including students, can receive healthcare services anywhere in Poland at a practice that has signed a contract with the National Health Fund. **A student may choose his or her family practitioner at the place of study**. You can obtain a declaration form from a clinic or practice, or download it from [www.nfz-poznan.pl](http://www.nfz-poznan.pl). Students, like all other insured persons, may go to a different GP (other than the one chosen in the declaration) in urgent cases. They will have to prove their entitlement to health care services financed by the NFZ through the electronic system eWUŚ, by presenting suitable documents or by writing a statement.



## Where should you go in case of an emergency?

A student who falls ill in the evening, at night, on a Sunday or holiday may use **24-hour basic healthcare service**. Such services can be provided at a general clinic or at a different practice that has signed a relevant contract with the clinic. Each clinic and practice should provide a notice indicating the location of 24-hour healthcare service, displayed at a prominent location and specifying the address and telephone number. In emergency situations requiring urgent help, students - like all other insured persons - may seek help at the nearest Hospital Emergency Department or call an ambulance.



## What are the rules for foreign students receiving free healthcare?

Students from EU/EFTA Member States may receive healthcare services according to the same rules as all persons insured with the National Health Fund. As proof of insurance, they should present a **European Health Insurance Card** issued by the institution of the country in which they are insured. Students from outside the EU/EFTA who begin studying at a university in Poland may sign a contract with Wielkopolskie Province Department of the National Health Fund (Polish abbreviation: WOW NFZ) concerning voluntary health insurance. Polish students leaving for another EU/EFTA Member State are entitled to receive state-financed healthcare services as well. Before departure, they should apply for a European Health Insurance Card. The card entitles the holder to healthcare in another EU/EFTA Member State on the same terms as those applicable to local insured persons.



## How long is a student covered by this healthcare scheme after finishing his or her studies?

This title expires **4 months** after the student finishes the course of study or is expelled.

**For more information call:**

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