

# HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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The first resort for students regarding their health and psychological problems are the Family Medicine and Youth Advisory Centre. Students apply with their Student ID Card to the Patient Reception Desk. The student's initial examination, tests and treatment are carried out at the In Family Medicine within capacity and in accordance with the regulations. In cases which call for further examination, tests and treatment, state and university or private hospitals are resorted to.

There is a treatment fee as determined by the Council of Higher Education. This fee must be paid for each visit to a physician.

## General Health Insurance (GHI)

Students who are covered by GHI may apply to state and university hospitals with their Foreign National Number as long as they have paid their premium. No payment is required at state and university hospitals. Therefore, it is recommended that all international students register for GHI.

Students have to pay a balance if they choose to go to a private hospital. This balance may be different at each hospital.

In order to register for GHI, international students must apply to the Social Security City Directorate or to the Social Security Center of the district in which the student resides within 3 months after their registration together with their Foreign National Number from the Directorate of National Police in Bursa, where they obtained their residence permit. After registration for GHI once they pay the GHI premium to the bank they become insured. Students have to pay this premium determined as the minimum amount annually as long as their education continues. This amount is determined by Social Security Institution. Every year there is an increment in the premium amount after January. Students are responsible for being aware of and pay this amount.

Students who do not apply for the GHI within the 3-month legal period for application may not benefit from this right afterwards. Therefore students are strongly advised not to ignore this procedure.

Students holding Turkey, Ministry of National Education-State, Ministry of National Education-Government, scholarships do not pay GHI premiums, but are insured within the scope of their scholarships.

International students who have a valid health insurance in Turkey through their parents are to submit a document proving this to the Social Security City Directorate or to the Social Security Center of the district in which the student resides.

## How to become a GHI beneficiary:

1. Find out your Foreign National Identity Number. To learn your Foreign National Identity Number, please visit <https://tckimlik.nvi.gov.tr/> and make an inquiry. If you cannot learn your Foreign National Identity Number through this inquiry, please go to the Turkish National Police / Foreigners Unit (Emniyet/Yabancılar Şubesi) with your Residence Permit. Request your Foreign National Identity Number.
2. Get 2 print-outs of the document indicating your name, surname, Foreign National Identity Number from the abovementioned Internet page. Submit one copy of the print-out to the Your institute's / Faculty's / Vocational Schools Student Affairs Office (If you have already done this, there is no need for resubmittal.). Submit the second copy of the print-out and your student certificate to the Social Security City Directorate or to the Social Security Center of the district in which you reside. You will be added to the system of the Social Security Institution.
3. Make your premium payment.