

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Dear Students,

here below , we provide you with some clarifications concerning the procedure regulating payments of annual contribution for registering with National Healthcare Service (SSN) .

As a matter of fact, the institution receiving this payment will be Azienda USL Piacenza (local unit of SSN) and not anymore Regione Emilia-Romagna. **Payments made at post offices directly to our Region (Emilia-Romagna) will not be considered valid and will not be refundable.**

Students who are willing to register with the National Healthcare Service for calendar year 2023 (and following years) **must contact Azienda USL Piacenza's territorial offices (Sportello Unico) , and ask for the issue of a "PagoPA" payment form.**

Payments could be made directly at our offices or by other means (pharmacies with cash service, bank and post counters, home-banking), **but in any case using "PagoPA" as a system of payment.**

If the payment will be made directly at our offices or at a pharmacy no additional amount will be charged, which instead could be due using other means of payment.

The amount to be paid by a single student will be 149,77 and the healthcare card will expire at the end of the current year (31st December). **In presence of dependent family members the payment is related to the total gross income in Italy** and/or abroad in the year preceding the year of registration.

Hereby enclosed you can find an information sheet which indicates the payment methods and a fac-simile of the payment notice "PagoPA".

Please note that **students who are working in different ways in Italy are required to pay this contribution, until they will obtain by "Questura" the conversion of the official reason of their permit of stay from "study" to "work",**

Registration by National Health Service (SSN), although not compulsory, is warmly suggested because it entitles the student to **the same treatment guaranteed to people officially resident in Italy**, on all the national territory, **including the direct choice of a doctor** (general practitioner).

With the occasion, let us remind the students who will undergo renewal of their permit of stay, that they could pay the annual fee which allows registration with National Health Service (SSN) for next year, only if they already had payed the annual fee for the current year. It won't be possible instead to pay in advance for those students who want to be covered only by their private health insurance policy during the year of payment . Who decides not to pay the fee for the current year must wait to make the payment the following year.

Therefore the student holding only a private policy insurance for the year "X" could get her/his SSN healthcare card for the year "X+1", only and exclusively by paying the annual fee also for the previous year "X".

Students coming from E.U. Countries or assimilated ones (United Kingdom, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein) and Italians students officially resident abroad will have to apply directly to our office before making any possible payment, in order to check **if they hold a valid EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), which guarantees healthcare coverage in Italy** .

Healthcare cards issued to students will be valid only in Italy and not abroad. They are not valid as EHICs (European Health Insurance Cards).

Students who have their **official residence or place of domicile in LOMBARDY REGION** shall refer to the **local healthcare unit**; for this purpose they can use the following web-link:

<https://www.regione.lombardia.it/wps/portal/istituzionale/HP/DettaglioServizio/servizi-e-informazioni/Cittadini/salute-e-prevenzione/strutture-sanitarie-e-sociosanitarie/ser-aziende-ospedaliere-sal/aziende-socio-sanitarie-territoriali>

Finally we would remind all students that, **for any further information, they can get in touch with our**

International Mobility Office located in Piacenza - Piazzale Milano 2 - phone 0523-317518 (from 9 to 12)

e-mail address: ufficioestero@ausl.pc.it.