

Information sheet

Psychotherapy for refugees in accordance with the status under social law

Benefits according to the Asylum Seeker Benefit Act (AsylbLG)

Medical care for basic beneficiaries according to section 3 Asylum Seeker Benefit Act

Basic beneficiaries have no statutory health insurance and receive medical aid in accordance with sections 4 and 6 Asylum Seeker Benefit Act. The social welfare office is responsible for granting medical care. This is done with the aid of personalized health insurance certificates which have to be applied for at the social welfare office prior to medical treatment.

If an ambulatory or stationary psychotherapeutic treatment is to take place, a written consent issued by the social welfare office in addition to the health insurance certificate is necessary. This also applies to so-called probatory sessions during which patient and treating therapist clarify whether treatment is really necessary. If treatment is necessary from a medical point of view this is verified with the inclusion of the public health department.

If a written consent is issued, travel expenses and expenses for a language mediator can be applied for. The application can be informal. If available, diagnostic findings and statements should be included.

Medical care for analogue beneficiaries according to section 2 Asylum Seeker Benefit Act

Asylum seeker beneficiaries who have stayed within federal territory for more than 15 months, receive benefits analogue to the 12th Social Security Code (analogue benefits). These persons also have no statutory health insurance, the medical treatment will however be covered by the individually chosen health insurance company according to section 264 Social Security Code V and the social welfare office will refund these costs. For this the analogue beneficiaries must choose a health insurance company and will then receive a health insurance card immediately. Regular medical and specialists treatment is covered by this card.

The necessity of an ambulatory or stationary psychotherapeutic treatment is verified by the individual health insurance company in accordance with the health insurance terms (usually Social Security Code V). A prior approval by the social welfare office is not necessary.

If applicable, travel expenses can also be covered after verification by the health insurance company. Expenses for a language mediator can be covered after verification in individual cases by the social welfare office.

Contact persons to help with applications and questions related to medical aid according to the Asylum Seeker Act are stated on the individual benefit ruling or can be found on the homepage of the administrative district of Cuxhaven (Landkreis Cuxhaven) under the heading Social – Asylum seeker / refugees (Soziales – Asylsuchende / Flüchtlinge).

Benefits according to the Social Security Code II (Hartz IV) and Social Security Code XII

Preface

Persons who are awarded a residency status subsequent to successful asylum procedures have a right to receive benefits if in financial need according to Social Security Code (SGB) II (earning capacity) and Social Security Code (SGB) XII (complete reduction in earning capacity).

As a rule persons under the age of 65 are expected to have an earning capacity, therefore the JobCenter is mostly responsible for approved asylum seekers.

Beneficiaries according to Social Security Code (SGB) II have statutory health insurance so that regular medical treatments are covered by the health insurance companies.

This also applies to ambulatory and stationary psychotherapeutic treatments.

Beneficiaries according to Social Security Code (SGB) XII either have a statutory health insurance or are under supervision according to section 264 Social Security Code (SGB) V, so the medical treatment is covered by the individual health insurance company.

If applicable, travel expenses can also be covered by the health insurance company. Expenses for a language mediator can be covered after verification in individual cases by the JobCenter or the social welfare office.