

STP Code

Healthcare for non-EU foreign national citizens who are non-compliant with entry visa and residency regulations

Any non-EU foreign national citizen who is non-compliant with entry visa and residency regulations is issued with an STP Code (temporarily present foreigner). The STP Code is issued by the local health-board and in the case of admission to Accident & Emergency services, even by the hospital board. The STP Code is valid throughout Italy and has a validity of six months, with the possibility of renewal.

Non-EU foreign national citizens who are non-compliant are guaranteed access to clinical treatment and urgent or essential care even if on a continuous basis for illness and injury. They are also entitled to avail of preventative and safeguarding medical procedures for both individual and collective healthcare (art. 35 of the Legislative Decree 268/98 “Healthcare for foreign nationals who are not registered with the National Health Service”).

In particular, the following are guaranteed:

- healthcare cover during pregnancy and maternity on a par with treatment available to Italian citizens;
- healthcare cover of minors;
- vaccinations in accordance with current legislation and in relation to collective preventive vaccine campaigns;
- international preventive medicine;
- preventive medicine, diagnosis and care of infectious diseases and any eventual sanitisation of infection hotspots;
- prevention, care and rehabilitation services for drug addiction.

Access to healthcare facilities does not result in being reported to the authorities except in cases whereby healthcare staff are legally obliged to compile a medical report.

Services can be availed of by paying the same healthcare charges that apply to Italian citizens.