



CO-PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT

CO-PAYMENT OF COSTS OF TREATMENT PROVIDED BY HOSPITAL ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS
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Patients discharged from the Accident and Emergency Department must pay a fixed fee of €25 and the co-payment for the treatment they have received. In the cases described below, patients are not discharged with a Code White and therefore are not subject to the co-payment charge.

1. Patients assigned Code Yellow or Red on admission.
2. Patients offered the option of hospitalisation.
3. Patients detained in the Short-stay Intensive Observation Unit.
4. Patients admitted as a result of injuries such as a fracture, a dislocation, a wound requiring stitches or biological adhesive or a sprain requiring a cast.
5. Patients admitted with extensive burns.
6. Patients admitted with a foreign body requiring surgical removal.
7. Patients admitted as a result of acute food poisoning, exclusively in cases covered by points 2 or 3 of this list.
8. Patients at risk due to pregnancy.
9. Patients referred by their General Practitioner or *Medico di Medicina Generale* (out-of-hours doctor) with an express request for hospitalisation and as such constituting an admission substituting an avoidable hospitalisation.
10. Patients who are victims of episodes relating to crimes referred to in the following articles of the Criminal Code: 571 (“abuse of correctional measures or discipline”), 572 (“abuse of family members or cohabitants”), 583-bis (“practices of mutilation of genital organs”), 609-bis (“Sexual violence”), 612-bis (“Stalking”), exclusively for the first access shortly after the occurrence of the episodes concerned
11. Patients with complications as a result of surgery performed less than 30 days before admission, exclusively in cases where it is impossible for them to be admitted to the department which performed the operation and excluding cases in which the admission would not comply with the indications consulted by the patient.

In addition, patients in the cases described below are not subject to the co-payment charge even if they are discharged with a Code White.

1. Patients under 14, who are exempt from the fixed €25 admission fee. Any treatment provided is however subject to the relevant co-payment charge.
2. Patients entitled to exemption from the co-payment charge. Patients with the right to exemption due to specific health conditions do not pay only if admission is the result of said health conditions becoming acute and/or worsening once again.
3. Patients admitted as a result of accidents at work.

THE FIXED FEE AND CO-PAYMENT FOR ANY TREATMENT PROVIDED IS PAYABLE BY PATIENTS WHO LEAVE THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OF THEIR OWN ACCORD BEFORE COLLECTING THE DISCHARGE REPORT OR WHO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL WITHOUT RETURNING TO THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT AFTER RECEIVING SPECIALIST TREATMENT PROVIDED IN ANOTHER DEPARTMENT (THIS INCLUDES PATIENTS EXEMPT FROM PAYING THE CHARGE)

The co-payment charge is not discretionary: the Accident and Emergency doctors are obliged to apply it in all cases provided for by the law.