

HEALTH IS YOUR RIGHT!

Information for
undocumented
people



What is it about?

Access to health care is a human right. So it is your right! But German laws such as Section 87 of the Residence Act (the so-called obligation to transmit) do not allow people without papers to go to the doctor without fear.

We - people without papers and our self-organizations - want to change that and claim our rights! For this we need your solidarity.



What is the obligation to transmit? (Übermittlungspflicht).

According to the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act, undocumented people have the right to limited medical benefits. But they cannot even make use of these services. The reason: bureaucratic hurdles and the fear of being discovered and deported.

This fear is justified: The social welfare office, which is responsible for the reimbursement of medical services, is obliged by law (§ 87 Residence Act) to forward personal data to the immigration authorities. This forwarding of the data is called the obligation to transmit („Übermittlungspflicht“).

There is only one exception: In emergencies, the data may not be passed on. Because of this, people without papers do not go to the doctor at all or often too late. That is life-threatening!



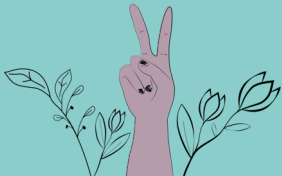
Who are we?

Respect is an initiative by women (mostly migrants with and without papers) that has been pursuing the goal of creating a space of solidarity for the self-organization of undocumented migrants since 1998. In addition, we want to create awareness for our situation in society. Our motto is: Human rights apply to everyone, regardless of residence status!

We started the “Legalization Now” campaign as early as 2020, which advocates for the legalization of all undocumented people in Germany and the abolition of the obligation to transmit. That is why we join the GleichBEhandeln (equal treatment) campaign, which aims to exempt the health sector from §87 of the Residence Act. You should join, too! It’s about our health and our rights.

Our demands

- Access to health care for ALL people living in Germany!
Health is a human right!
- 🔗 The restriction of Section 87 of the Residence Act for the health sector. We want to go to the doctor without fear!
- ▨ The participation of undocumented people in the development of political claims and concepts for their health! We know what we need!



Take part!

The GleichBEhandeln (equal treatment) campaign is an alliance of over 80 organizations - including ProAsyl, Ärzte der Welt (Doctors of the World), Amnesty International, Migrationsrat Berlin (Migration Council Berlin) and Deutsche Aidshilfe (German Aids Aid).

The campaign calls on politicians to change the law and exempt the health sector as soon as possible from the obligation to transmit according to Section 87 of the Residence Act.

Join in! Every vote counts! You can find the petition and more information about the campaign at:

www.gleichbehandeln.de



Take part!

There is also the possibility of opposing paragraph 87 anonymously in court, in order to receive medical care, and change the law.

We are looking for people who are affected and with our support want to file an anonymous lawsuit.

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