The Office for Foreigners and various CSO publish information on new rules related to access to healthcare for Ukrainian citizens

Following the gradual phasing out of the Act on Assistance to Ukrainian Citizens, from 1 June 2026 Ukrainian citizens residing in Poland with a PESEL number with UKR status will be entitled to publicly-funded healthcare services only if they:

- Have been victims of torture or rape;
- Are under 18 years of age;
- Hold a certificate confirming residence in a collective accommodation facility;
- Are pregnant, in labour or in the postpartum period;
- Are covered by compulsory or voluntary health insurance in Poland;
- Are covered by health insurance through their spouse, direct descendants living in the same household or parents (if they are minors, students under the age of 26 or dependent persons).

Compulsory health insurance applies to Ukrainian citizens holding temporary protection status who:

- Are employed under an employment contract;
- Perform work under an agency contract, mandate contract, or another civil-law service contract;
- Are self-employed and conduct non-agricultural business activity;
- Receive a pension or disability benefit, including benefits paid from abroad (e.g. from Ukraine);
- Are registered as unemployed with a labour office, regardless of whether they receive unemployment benefits;
- Are students, provided that they cannot be covered by health insurance as family members and are not insured on another basis (for example, through employment).

All other beneficiaries of temporary protection will remain entitled only to emergency healthcare and healthcare services available to uninsured persons in Poland.

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More information on healthcare entitlements, the scope of services and other matters related to UKR status and CUKR residence cards is available in Polish and Ukrainian at the following link.

Information on this issue is also available on the website of *the Fundacja Instytut na rzecz Państwa Prawa* (Institute for the Rule of Law) and on the healthcare frequently asked questions website of the *Stowarzyszenie Interwencji Prawnej* (Association for Legal Intervention).

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