

Pregnancy and Delivery/Birth:

Birth is considered a case of medical emergency and so every hospital will accept you regardless of money owed, payment commitments, or insurance.

During the course of your pregnancy, check-ups can be done with TIPAT HALAV, and you can also ask for a check-up with the clinic in the central bus station (Tel Aviv—Techana Merkazit).

After Delivery, the hospital will send you to TIPAT HALAV.

It is important to remember when leaving, the hospital CAN NOT delay your leave, or of the child, or delay the birth certificate because you owe money.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN COME TO
THE ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT CENTER AT ASSAF
EVERY SUNDAY AND WEDNSDAY BETWEEN 16:00-20:00**



Medical Information

The law protecting the rights of the sick in Israel states that in the case of a medical emergency, every person is entitled to receive medical treatment without conditions, meaning without paying or committing to pay in the future.

Important to note: The law requires giving medical treatment but it does not require the treatment to be free, but that the cost will be paid if required by the treated or by insurance if available.

Insurance:

Medical insurance comes from your employer if you have one. The payment for medical insurance is divided between you and your employer; it will cover the cost of current treatment at a doctors' office and the cost of emergency treatment at the hospital.

In the case of unemployment or if you have more than one employer (meaning if you can afford to pay for insurance independently) -contact the Harel company at 03-7547020

Insurance for babies and children (under the age of 18) is done through Kupat Cholim meuhedet. (call: 03-5207885)

Going to the Emergency Room:

Going to the emergency room should be done in case of a medical emergency. What is a case of medical emergency? According to the law: "medical emergencies are cases in which a person's life is in danger, or if the possibility of permanent damage/disability exists if the person does not get medical treatment soon.

In the hospital, only a doctor can decide whether the risk is immediate or not. This is not the responsibility of the sick or of the receptionist. If the doctor has decided that the person is experiencing a medical emergency, the hospital will give treatment without payment conditions. Although after the treatment, the hospital can demand payment.

Even if you owe the hospital money for past treatments, in cases of emergency the hospital must accept you and provide medical treatment.

"Kopat Cholim" clinics:

If you are insured, referrals to a doctor are done through the local "Kopat Cholim" clinic or through the doctor you were provided through the insurance.

Refugee Clinic/Public Clinic:

In the central bus station (Techana Merkazit, Tel Aviv) there is a public clinic that provides medical services. The clinic receives EVERYONE regardless of their legal status in Israel. In the clinic there are emergency doctors, family doctors, and specialized doctors. The first time in the clinic costs 15 shekels and for some of the other services there may be extra cost.

The clinic is open Sunday through Thursday 08:00-20:00, and on Friday 08:00-14:00.

You should go to the Public Clinic with any problem, but it is important to remember that in cases of emergency you should go to the Emergency Room.

Doctors for Human Rights:

The clinic of Doctors for Human Rights in Jaffa (Yafo) is an open clinic. On Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday they work from 16:00. The children doctor works on Fridays 09:00-12:00.

"Tipat Halav":

Is a guidance clinic that works to support the healthy development of babies and also support of pregnant women. It is only a support and guidance clinic, meaning that they only monitor the health of the baby and pregnant women. They give immunizations (shots) in different phases and give helpful information for parents. In the case of high fever or sickness do not go to this clinic, go to a children's doctor.

You can ask the hospital or your doctor where the TIPAT HALAV is closest to your home.