

# Government Approves Rules for Medical Care for Foreigners

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The government has approved new rules for providing medical care to foreigners, including free emergency health care, a decree published Wednesday said.

Foreign nationals temporarily or permanently residing in Russia are eligible for free medical assistance for sudden acute illnesses and exacerbations of chronic diseases that are life threatening, according to a decree published on the Garant legal information portal.

"Emergency and specialized medical care is provided to foreign nationals in case of diseases, accidents, injuries, poisoning and other conditions that require immediate medical intervention. At medical organizations within the state and municipal health system, such medical care is provided free of charge to foreign nationals," the decree said.

Other emergency treatment or routine health care is provided to foreign nationals for a fee or in accordance with their existing health insurance plan.

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