



Through its healthcare activities, Medimmigrant

aims to safeguard the position of **people without a legal residence permit and people with a precarious residency status** in their pursuit of a dignified existence.



The organisation is committed to having the **right to healthcare** for these people embedded in legislation and for concrete implementation of this right in social services, institutions and structures.



Further, Medimmigrant pushes for a **migration and immigration policy** which takes account of the medical needs of these people.



Bearing in mind the medical aspects, Medimmigrant tries to direct those involved towards **realistic and worthwhile future prospects** in Belgium, their country of origin or a third country where they have legal status.

TARGET GROUP

Medimmigrant offers its services to the following groups:

- **Undocumented migrants** (CHECK people without a legal residence permit): People who do not possess a valid residence permit for Belgium e.g. rejected asylum seekers, clandestine, etc.
- **Migrants with a precarious residence permit:** people who possess a temporary residence permit, but find themselves with a fragile and often legally unclear residency status, e.g. candidates for refugee status, students, candidates for family reunions, etc.

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE

During **contact hours**, Medimmigrant answers questions regarding:

- The medical aspects of people without a valid residence permit and people with a precarious residency status.
- The residency aspects of this target group in the case of severe illness.

Given that assistance is mainly provided via the telephone, **appointments at the secretariat are exceptional.**

In addition to providing information, Medimmigrant can also **actively mediate** to, for example, speed up access to healthcare.

This individual assistance is specifically aimed at **inhabitants or organisations located in The Brussels Capital Region.**

STRUCTURAL ACTIVITIES

Medimmigrant works, often as part of various cooperation initiatives for a **solution to structural problems.**

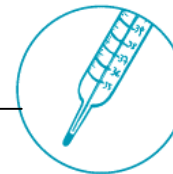
Consultation aimed at promoting the rights and living conditions of people without a legal residence permit or with a precarious residency status occurs at various levels. Medimmigrant **urges those responsible** to take their responsibility and further, strives to **expand community support** for this target group.

ETHICAL CODE

Medimmigrant adheres to an ethical code for providing assistance to people without a legal residence permit and people with a precarious residency status

For more information visit : **www.medimmigrant.be**.

Yes! Dignified health care for everyone is possible!



The individual assistance and structural activities of Medimmigrant focus on three important themes:

1. ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

The Centre for Social Welfare (OCMW) law and the Royal Decree of 12/12/1996 provides for the right to “**urgent medical assistance**” for undocumented migrants who are not able to pay for this care themselves. Medimmigrant strives for the improved implementation of the Royal Decree, Urgent Medical Assistance and to raise awareness of this decree amongst the diverse stakeholders.

For people with a precarious residency status, Medimmigrant assesses what form of healthcare they can access given their situation.

2. SOCIAL RIGHTS

Medimmigrant is committed to obtaining the right to **social services** for people who are unable to return to their country of origin as a result of their illness. In keeping with this, Medimmigrant lobbies for the right to **work** for people, who as a result of medical reasons are regularised for a specified period and for the right to compensation in the event of a work related accident. Further, Medimmigrant asks consideration of the **living conditions** of people without a legal residence permit and people with a precarious residency status in terms of **psycho-social care**.

3. PERMISSION TO STAY FOR MEDICAL REASONS

Bearing in mind the medical aspects, Medimmigrant tries to direct those involved towards **realistic and worthwhile future prospects** in Belgium, their country of origin or a third country where they have legal status. This advice is only **informative** and Medimmigrant does not, for example, prepare residency applications. In context of this orientation aspect of our work, Medimmigrant works towards an **amendment of residency legislation and procedures** and lobbies for the establishment of a **European Medical Database** with information covering the accessibility and availability of necessary treatments and medicines.

MORE INFORMATION

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WEBSITE

On our extensive and up to date website: www.medimmigrant.be (Dutch/French) you can find information including:

- Information on rights and procedures
- Legislation and administration of justice
- Certificates and forms
- Research
- Policy proposals
- Current bulletins
- Publications
- Etc.



PUBLICATIONS

The following publications can be downloaded free of charge from our website:

→ BROCHURES:

- Een schematisch en uitgebreid overzicht betreffende gezondheidszorg & verblijfstatuten

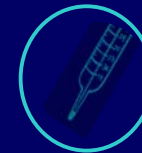
→ FOLDERS: *Dutch, French, English, German, Spanish, Russian, Arabic*

- Urgent Medical Care for Illegal Residents
- Pregnancy – Childbirth & Postnatal Care
- Health Insurance for People Without Legal Residence Permit
- Obtaining (or Preserving) a Residence Permit because of Medical Reasons
- Visa for Medical Reasons
- Medimmigrant: Presentation Flyer

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