

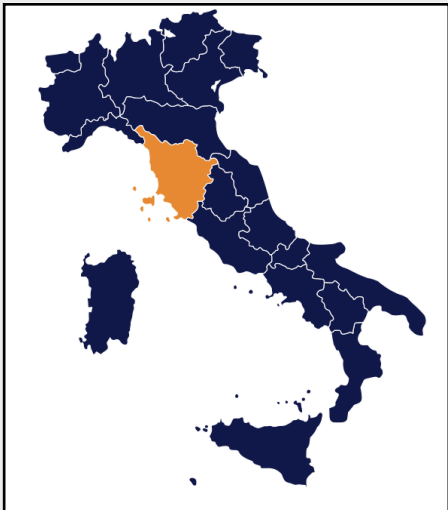
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Tuscany is known worldwide for its tradition, culture, food , landscape , lifestyle , industry ... and innovation. At the center of Europe and in the core of Italy, Tuscany is the land that gave birth to genes of art and science, such as Leonardo da Vinci , Michelangelo, Brunelleschi, Galileo .

Florence, the capital of the region, was the cradle of the Renaissance, the great human and technological progress which began in '500. Living in Tuscany means to live in one of the richest and most wealthy part of Italy and of the whole Western Europe.

A gift for your life? Buy a house in this country : a safe investment for your family and for the future of your children.



If You Buy a House in Tuscany, You Are Entitled to Free Health Care .

- If you come to Italy on holiday or for work on an occasional basis , it will be sufficient for you to make a temporary health insurance to cover the time period of your stay.

- But if you buy a house in Italy and ask the Residence Permit for you, your family or work reasons , it is suggested you to join the Sistema Sanitario Italiano (Italian National Health Service), one of the most efficient services throughout Europe.

- The Service will provide assistance for you and for your family. A few simple bureaucratic procedures need to be complied. You will feel comfortable !

- How to get Medicare when you arrive in Tuscany. For foreigners and not EEC citizens, the enrollment in the Italian National Health Service provides all the assistance guaranteed by the Italian Law and leads to equal treatment with respect to Italian citizens.



1 . Who can be enrolled in the National Health Service:

- All foreigners who hold a Residence Permit, who are legally resident and have a regular working activity or self-employment;
- All foreigners residing legally or those who have applied for renewal of the Residence Permit for employment, self-employment, for family reasons, asylum's request, waiting for an adoption , fostering, acquisition of nationality or religious reasons;
- Family members (residing legally) of foreigners belonging to the above categories .

Health Services in Tuscany

2.Where to subscribe: to subscribe to the Service you have to go at one of the so called ASL, local health offices, scattered in all the small neighborhoods of the Italian city where you are resident. Finding the nearest ASL is simple: just consult the internet or the phone book. You will need to submit the following documents :

- Identity Card
- Tax Code
- Residence Permit
- Self-Certification of Residence or Stay.

Upon registration, you can choose your family doctor or pediatrician for your children. It ' really a simple operation that lasts a few minutes.

3 . Validity of registration : If you have legal residence in Italy, this registration is valid forever. If you have a Residence Permit, registration will be valid for the duration of the Residence Permit and does not decay in case of renewal of the same: it can therefore be renewed by submitting the ASL your proof of the request for renewal.

4. What you are entitled to: upon registration you will receive a document, named **Tessera Sanitaria** (Personal Health Card) which entitles you to receive Medicare free of charge or by small contribution, named "Ticket" (yes, an English word!). The following services are included: general or specialist medical check-ups, home check-ups , hospitalization, vaccinations, blood tests, x-rays, ultrasound, medicines, rehabilitation assistance.



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If you are not registered to S.S.N., you'll never be abandoned and you will get assistance guaranteed. Some fair payments are due, the ones provided by law.

If you are devoid of sufficient resources, you will be still insured hospital urgent or essential, or continuous treatments, due to illness or injury and preventive medicine programs (eg . Vaccinations) in the public and private health centers .

If for some reason you have decided that it is better to come to Italy for specific medical cares for yourself or some of your relatives, you can get a Special Entry Permit to stay and to get medical care.

a. Where and how you can applying for a visa : you can require, along with someone else who is coming with you, a Specific Entry Visa by the Italian Embassy or Italiana Consulate in your country. Once in Italy, you are required, within 8 days , to apply for a specific Residence Permit by the nearest police station of the city where you intend to get your medical care. If you do not do that, your presence will be considered irregular .

b.Documentation required: you have to introduce the following documents :

.health certificates, stating your health conditions or the one of your relative.

.a statement of the selected Italian Hospital -public or private- that points out the type of treatment required, estimated duration of the treatmet and of any expected hospitalization;

.confirmation of the deposit (30% of total cost) in favour of the hospital, depending on the estimated cost of the services required;

.documents stating the availability in Italy of sufficient resources for the full payment of the health care costs and those for the additional costs for self-sustainment for the whole period of your staying;

.documents proving the availability of sufficient resources for the return trip for you and your companion.

All the certificates and documents issued abroad must be translated into Italian .



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