

# I AM MEXICAN AND I DON'T HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. HOW CAN I ACCESS HEALTH SERVICES IN THE COUNTRY?

You do not need a social security number to access public health services in Mexico. The Social Security Act (reformed in 2015) stipulates that every person whose life or physical integrity is at risk has the right to receive attention in health institutions controlled by IMSS (Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social).

## What do I need to access medical care at IMSS?



You just need to have a valid ID and, preferably, your national health card (cartilla de salud).

## Watch Out!

Healthcare services at IMSS are not free for people who do not have a social security card. If you are not a beneficiary, you will have to pay to receive medical attention. The table below shows the costs of some of the services you may request.

Service	Cost
General Medicine Consultation	\$ 733
Dental Consultation	\$ 739
Emergencies	\$ 562
Recovery and wound healing	\$ 733
Ambulance transportation	\$ 351

