

THE 'FLAT-RATE' PAYMENT SYSTEM

WHAT'S THAT?

This system only works in particular centres:

- You pay nothing for a consultation or house visit from the GP, nurse or another care provider from the centre.
- The centre itself receives a fixed monthly rate from the insurance fund for each patient that comes to the centre (= 'flat-rate') and uses this money to pay the care providers who work there.

IN WHICH CENTRES DOES IT WORK LIKE THIS?

Local health centres, some Maison Médicals and Medicine for the People work with this system. Some standard GPs also use it.

You use the system for consultations, visits to a care provider in the centre. This may be a GP, a physiotherapist, a nurse, a nutritionist, a midwife ...

It cannot be used for medication and particular services such as blood testing. However, the social third party payment system can be used for such things (see The flat-rate system - A subscription for my health).

The system also doesn't work with at the dentist, the pharmacy or with hospital specialists.

HOW CAN I REGISTER?

Make an appointment with the local health centre or the doctor's surgery in your neighbourhood to register.

Take your ID card and three barcode stickers with you. You have to have everything in order with the insurance fund and pay your contributions in order to register.

Are you not a member of an insurance fund, but have a red medical card from the OCMW? Take the card with you and ask if you are eligible for medical care?

You will sign a free contract with the centre.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR?

You always have to go to the centre's care providers. This also applies for home nursing staff. What if you go to another care provider outside of the centre? Then you pay the full price for a consultation. The insurance will not reimburse this.

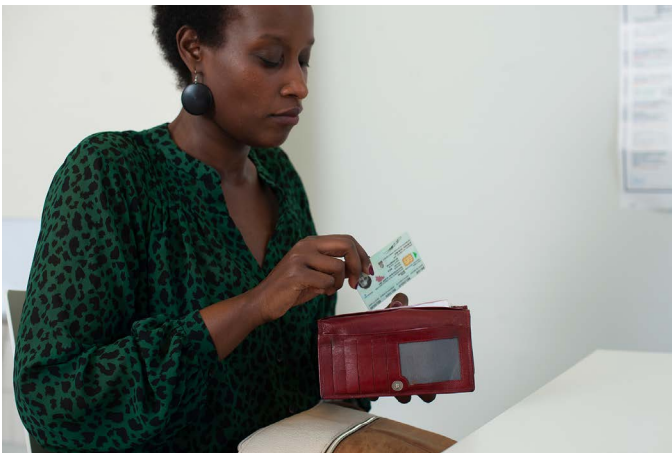
But what if you have to visit the on-call doctor? Then you pay him/her normally. You can request the money back later at the doctor's surgery.

THE FLAT-RATE SYSTEM A SUBSCRIPTION FOR MY HEALTH

I can receive free-of-charge care at a number of centres.
I call such a practice in my neighbourhood and ask if there is any space.
I make a registration appointment.



I take: my ID card and three barcode stickers.



I sign the contract.



From now on, I don't pay anything to the care providers in the practice. I always go to the care providers in the practice (GP, nurse, sometimes a physiotherapist...); I don't go elsewhere.

A large rectangular box with a black border. In the top right corner, there is a black and white icon of a hand holding a pen. Below the icon, there are seven horizontal dotted lines for writing.