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Everyone who lives in Switzerland must have health and accident insurance. This basic insurance coverage is compulsory for everyone, regardless of age, origin or residence status. You have three months to take out insurance after the birth of a child or after moving to Switzerland.

Newcomers usually have many questions concerning health insurance and the Swiss health system, for example:

How much does a consultation cost?

What are my rights as a patient?

Are there information on health issues in other languages than German?

In order to answer these and other relevant questions the Swiss Red Cross has launched the brochure Health Guide to Switzerland. It is available in 18 languages at www.migesplus.ch.

Based on the Health Guide to Switzerland Radio X has produced the Health Spots, also in several languages. Listen to them on our website www.radiox.ch under the rubric "[Kampagnen](#)".