

## HEALTH SERVICES FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES IN MOUNT LEBANON AND BEIRUT

*What to do if you  
need to see a  
doctor or go to  
hospital and what  
you have to pay*



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## ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES

### **I am a Syrian refugee. Can I go to a doctor or a hospital in Lebanon?**

Yes. UNHCR provides health care services to registered refugees through its partners.

Registered Syrian refugees can see a doctor at a **Primary Health Care Centre (“PHCc”) or a Health Centre (“dispensary”)** for medical consultations, prescriptions, laboratory tests, immunizations, antenatal care and other reproductive health services, management of chronic diseases. You can also receive mental health treatment, including counseling and other psychological support services.

You should only go to hospital in a medical emergency.

If you need to see a doctor you should go to the PHCc, dispensaries that are listed at the end of this brochure. If you go to another PHCc or dispensary they may charge you more for your treatment.

In a medical emergency, call MediVisa Lebanon **05-458558** (Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm & Saturday 8am to 1pm) or 03-261640/81-773207 if you are in Beirut or 03-416299/71-451217 if in Mt Lebanon (only after working hours, Sundays & public holidays). Other phone numbers listed in this brochure will give you information about health and social support, if you are a victim of sexual assault or violence or for any other emergency.

### **What if I am a not registered Syrian refugee?**

Not registered Syrians have access to some subsidized health services and assistance at the PHCc listed in this brochure, for example free vaccinations for children. However, other PHCc or dispensaries may ask you equal contribution to health care treatment similar to Lebanese patients.

### **Is the Lebanese health system different from the Syrian health system?**

Yes. The Lebanese health system is very different to the Syrian health system. It is highly privatized and registered Syrian refugees have to pay a contribution towards their health care, in the same way that Lebanese do.

## **IF YOU NEED TO SEE A DOCTOR**

If you need to see a doctor, you should contact the PHCc or dispensary in advance to check if there is a doctor available that day and make an appointment. Check the list of PHCc or dispensaries below.

## **DOCTOR'S FEES**

When you go to see a doctor at a PHC or a dispensary you will be charged between 3,000 LL – 5,000 LL for a consultation. UNHCR's partners pay the remainder of your consultation fees.

For laboratory and diagnostic tests, UNHCR covers up to 85% of the cost for children under 5 years old, elderly over 60 years old, pregnant women and other vulnerable individuals.

The remaining 15% of the cost must be paid by the patient. All other individuals are required to pay 100% of their medical costs. Please see the table below for more information.

Service	What you pay
Vaccines	<b>Free</b> at all PHC centers and dispensaries
Consultation	3,000 – 5,000 LBP
Acute medications	Free
Chronic medications (diabetes, cardiac conditions, hypertension, asthma, epilepsy, etc.)	1,000 LBP per visit (handling fee)
Family planning (Insertion of IUD, pills, condoms)	Free
2 ultrasounds for pregnant women	Free
Dental care	Subsidised. Please refer to the PHCc or dispensary for the exact costs.
Laboratory and diagnostic tests	<p>15% of the cost for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For children under 5 years</li> <li>▪ Persons over 60</li> <li>▪ Persons with disabilities</li> <li>▪ Pregnant women</li> </ul> <p>10% of the cost for those refugees with specific needs who cannot afford it.</p> <p>Other refugees will pay 100% of the cost of Laboratory and diagnostic tests.</p>

## IF YOU NEED TO GO TO HOSPITAL

### What do I do if I need to go to hospital?

First, go to a PHCc or a dispensary before you go to hospital.

If a doctor in a PHCc or a dispensary recommends your admission to a hospital for inpatient care, you should obtain approval from **MediVisa Lebanon** which is UNHCR'S partner for Mount Lebanon and Beirut.



To obtain this approval you can go directly to their office which is located at Beirut Rafic Hariri University Governmental hospital.

In a life-threatening emergency go straight to one of the hospitals listed on the back of this leaflet and then call MediVisa Lebanon from the hospital, otherwise we cannot assist you financially with your medical bills.

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03-261640/81-773207 if you are in Beirut,  
Or 03-416299/71-451217 if in Mt Lebanon (only after working hours, Sundays & public holidays).



### If I need to go to Hospital, will an ambulance take me?

The ambulance will take the patient to hospital only in life threatening situations or when the patient cannot travel in a seated position by car. The Lebanese Red Cross provides ambulance services in Lebanon. The number to call is three digits **140**



## HOSPITAL FEES

### **Will UNHCR pay my hospital bill?**

UNHCR pays up to 75% of the total cost of the following hospital services only:

- Life-saving emergencies
- Giving birth
- Care for newborn babies

You will have to pay the remaining 25% of the cost.

If you receive any other hospital service which is not approved by MediVisa, you will have to pay the total cost of your hospital bill.

If you need a very expensive hospital treatment, disc disease or elective medical interventions, UNHCR's Exceptional Care Committee must first approve treatment before it will agree to cover up to 75% of the cost.

The Committee will consider:

- The need for and adequacy of the suggested treatment
- The cost and the need for financial assistance
- Feasibility of the treatment plan and prognosis

You should go to the hospitals listed at the end of this brochure because you will have to pay more if you go to any other hospital. Remember to call MediVisa before admission to the hospital so we can assist you financially with your medical bills. We will not reimburse any payments you may have advanced.

### **DOCUMENTS TO TAKE WITH YOU TO THE DOCTOR OR TO THE HOSPITAL**

- **A valid ID document OR**
- **Your UNHCR Registration Certificate ("UN Paper")**



If you are pregnant, you should go to a PHCc at least 4 times before you give birth. You should go to the PHC that is closest to your address

## CHRONIC DISEASES

### **Chronic disease such as diabetes, cardiac conditions, hypertension. Asthma, epilepsy, etc:**

If you have a chronic disease such as diabetes, cardiac conditions, hypertension, asthma, epilepsy, you should go to see a doctor at a PHC or a dispensary for chronic disease control.

Locate a PHCc from YMCA network near you and register. Visit regularly and the health center will provide you with the necessary medication every month. This will manage your chronic condition and prevent further health consequences.

### **Chronic diseases such as cancer, thalassemia, etc:**

UNHCR does not pay for chronic diseases that require repeated hospitalization, such as cancer, thalassemia or renal dialysis. If you have one of these conditions, you should go to see a Doctor at a PHCc or a dispensary to manage your condition.

In addition, UNHCR does not pay for the following treatments:

- High cost treatment when a less costly alternative treatment is equally effective and available
- Experimental, non-evidence based treatment
- Organ transplant
- Infertility treatment
- Cosmetic/plastic/reconstructive surgery

- Long term sustaining tertiary care such as treatment/rehabilitation of complications of chronic degenerative diseases, immunosuppressive treatment, new cases of haemodialysis (unless one time for life-saving), thalassemia treatment (except for life-saving blood transfusion), multiple sclerosis, etc.
- Conditions that can be treated at a PHCc or dispensary
- End-Mid stage cancer (including surgery and chemotherapy)
- Long term treatment requiring nursing care

## PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES

### **I have a disabled child/family member. What kind of support and services are available?**

Various community support services are available. Go to your nearest PHCc or dispensary for a consultation and for more information.

UNHCR and partners will pay 85% of the cost of laboratory and diagnostic tests for patients with physical or mental disabilities. The remaining 15% of the cost will be paid by the patient.

## TUBERCULOSIS

### **I have Tuberculosis. What should I do?**

You should attend a Centre for Tuberculosis treatment. Treatment is available for free. UNHCR's partners will support you for laboratory and diagnostic tests. Your family can also be tested for free.

### Centres for Treatment of Tuberculosis in Mount Lebanon and Beirut

Area	Centre	Address	Phone	Opening hours
Beirut	Quarantina	Quarantina, Beirut	01-443550	8am-13pm
Beirut	Al Manasfi	Zkak Blat	01-377905	8.30
Mount Lebanon	Beit El Din	PHCc Near the presidential palace	05-500048	8.30

### HIV

If you require treatment, you must first contact UNHCR Field office **health staff**, who will give you the necessary information and refer you to the National Centre for treatment. Treatment is free. Please request a confidential appointment with the UNHCR Office closest to you. You are not required to disclose information in order to seek an appointment

**All cases are treated with the strictest of confidentiality.**

#### **I think I might have been infected with HIV. What should I do?**

If you suspect you have been infected with HIV, you should go immediately to the following centre to receive care. It is important that you get preventative treatment as soon as possible, preferably within 24 hours of being infected:

#### Voluntary Counselling and testing for HIV

SIDC Sin El Fil	1st Floor Daou Bldg., Youssef Karam Str., Sin El Fil Tel/Fax: 01-482428, 01-480714 Beirut and Mount Lebanon
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Dar El Fatwa	Beirut, Aicha Bakkar. Telephone: 01-785400
Hariri Hospital	Beirut, Jnah. Telephone: 01-830000 (1067)

## LEISHMANIASIS

### I have Leishmaniasis. What should I do?

If you have Leishmaniasis, you should seek treatment at one of the following hospitals: Medication for Leishmania treatment is for free from The Ministry of Public Health and UNHCR pays for your consultation fees. You have to contribute only LBP 3000.

Hospitals that treat Leishmaniasis			
Area	Hospital	Telephone Numbers	Treating Hours
Beirut	Rafic Hariri University Governmental Hospital Dr. Ossayma Dbouny Dr. Pierre Abi Hanna	01/830000	Wednesday 10-11 am Tuesday 12 -13 am

## VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN

### Can my child receive vaccinations in Lebanon? Where?

Yes. Vaccinations for children are provided **for free** by the Ministry of Public Health through the centres listed below. First dose vaccinations of polio, measles and Vit A are available **for free** at all UNHCR Registration Centres. Vaccines are essential to your child's health and development



and you should ensure your child receives all essential vaccinations using the vaccination schedule below:

<b>National Lebanese Vaccination Schedule</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>Vaccine</b>
At birth	Hepatitis B - First dose
2 months	IPV – First dose Pentavalent (diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus-hepatitis B-Hib) – First dose
4 months	OPV – Second dose Pentavalent vaccine (diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus-hepatitis B-Hib) – Second dose
6 months	OPV – Third dose Pentavalent vaccine (diphtheria- tetanus-pertussis-hepatitis B-Hib) – Third dose
9 months	Measles – zero dose
12 months	Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) – First dose
18 months	OPV First booster dose Pentavalent vaccine (diphtheria- tetanus-pertussis-hepatitis B-Hib) – First booster dose Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) – Second dose
4-5 years	OPV – Second booster dose DTP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis)
10-12 years	OPV - Third booster dose DT (diphtheria-tetanus) – Third booster dose
16-18 years	OPV- Fourth booster dose DT (diphtheria-tetanus) – Fourth booster dose

## PHCc AND DISPENSARARIES IN MOUNT LEBANON AND BEIRUT

PHC centre's name and address	Services				Phone number	Opening hours
	Health care	Social services	Mental and Psycho-social support	Dental care		
Rafic Hariri Health Center Tarik El Jedideh (IMC)	✓	✓		✓	01-855595 01-855596	8 am-8 pm (Mon-Friday) 8 am - 2 pm Saturday
MoPH Primary Health care Center Al Mir Majid Irslan Inst.Haret El Kobbe Choueifat near boys MOE school PU AMI (IMC for Mental and Psychosocial Support)	✓			✓	05-431551	8 am-2:30 pm (Mon-Friday)
Dispensary of Association awareness and Charity - Katrmaya Downtown (PU-AMI)	✓			✓	07-971983	8:30 am-2 pm Mon-Thurs and Sat. 8:30 am-11 am Friday
Makhzoumi Foundation, Achrafieh, karm el Zeitoun, Al Ghab Street, Marwan Charbel bldg.	✓	✓		✓	01 218979	7.30am - 3pm Mon-Friday 8am – 1pm Sat
Makhzoumi Foundation PHC Beirut, Mazraa health Clinic , Zreik street Barbour	✓	✓	✓	✓	01 660890 01 660891 01 660892 01 660894	7am – 4.30pm Mon-Friday 8am – 1pm Sat
Aramoun clinic - Rafik Hariri Foundation - Dohat Aramoun (IMC)	✓	✓		✓	05-802549	8 am - 4pm Mon-Friday 8am – 1pm Sat

PHC centre's name and address	Services				Phone number	Opening hours
	Health care	Social services	Mental and Psycho-social support	Dental care		
Maternal childhood center, Tayoune, behind Beirut Mall (IMC)	✓		✓		01-395393	8am - 2pm (Mon-Saturday)
Mar Antonious PHC, Roueissat / Jdeyde, Metn North (IMC)	✓		✓		01-900996 03-724139	8am - 2pm Mon-Friday 8am-1pm Sat
Men Center- Furn El Chebak, Bustany Street-NajjarBldg (IMC)			✓		71-283820	4- 9 pm
Karagheusian Center for Child Welfare, Merhesh Street- Burj Hammoud-, Metn (IMC)	✓	✓			01-263030	8:30am-2pm (Mon-Sat) 8:30am - 1pm (Saturday) (Pediatrics)
Fanar Medical Social Center, Al Zeaitriyeh- Al Fanar, Metn (IMC)	✓				01-684362	8am-2:30pm (Mon-Fri)
Restart Center, Badaro Main Street, Ghattas Building, Beirut			✓		01-385358 Hotline: 76-708083	9am-5pm (Mon-Fri) Hotline (24h/7d) 76-708083
Primary health care center, Hayye Sellom, Beirut (AMEL)	✓	✓	✓		05-483100 70-206034	Mon-Fri 8.30am-2pm Sat
Primary Health care center, Beirut, Bourj Barajneh (Amel )	✓	✓			01-273426	Mon-Sat 8:30am-1pm
Dispensary of Social and Cultural Club, Barja, (IMC)	✓			✓	07-623129	Mon-Thursday 8am-2pm Fridays 8am – 11am Saturdays 8am- 12pm

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	Health care	Social services	Mental and Psycho-social support	Dental care		
MSF Dispensary Shatila camp-Beirut	✓		✓		70-621026	8am-4pm Mon-Friday
MOPH primary healthcare center-Caza Jbeil(IMC)	✓			✓	09-540218	8 am-2pm (Mon-Thurs)- Friday until 11am -Sat until 1pm
Caritas Liban, El Meten, Sad el Baouchriye, Center Raymond Fayad	✓				01-888868	8am – 2pm Mon – Fri
Caritas Liban, Medical and Cultural Center of Patriarch Sfeir, Raifoun, Kesrwane	✓				09-953550	8am-2pm Mon-Fri
Caritas Liban, St Elie Street Pierre and Georges Ghandour Building, 2nd Floor. Chouf, Deir el Qamar	✓				05-511616	8.30am-2pm Mon-Fri
Caritas Liban - Sarba - Jounieh - near Saint Georges Church	✓				09-637227	8am - 2pm Mon-Fri

LIST OF HOSPITALS			
Area	Hospitals	Address	Phone number
Beirut	Rafic Hariri Gov.University	Jnah	01-830000
Beirut	Sahel hospital	Ghobeiri	01-858333
Beirut	Karantina Government hospital- Only for NICU and PICU cases	Dora	01-442105
Mount Lebanon	Notre Dame du Liban Jounieh	Jounieh,	09 644644
Mount Lebanon	Ain Wzein	Chouf	05-509001
Mount Lebanon	Baabda Gov. hospital	Baabda	05-920040
Mount Lebanon	Beit Chabab hospital	Metn	04-983393
Mount Lebanon	Bouar governmental hospital	Keserwan	09-440440
Mount Lebanon	Iklm hospital	Chouf	07-970777
Mount Lebanon	Al Jabal hospital	Metn	05-360555
Mount Lebanon	Dahr El Bashek Gov.	Metn	04-872138
Mount Lebanon	Libanon Canadien	Metn	01-510788
Mount Lebanon	Orfan Hospital	Chouf	05-500877
Mount Lebanon	Bchamoun hospital	Bchamoun-Aley	05-270970
Mount Lebanon	Othman hospital	Ketermaya-Chouf	07-970000
Mount Lebanon	Hopital Psychiatrique De la Croix	Jal El Bib-Metn	04-710224-30

## CONTACT NUMBERS AND HOTLINES OF PARTNERS

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Area	Partner	Hotline
<b>Mount Lebanon and Beirut</b>	MediVisa Lebanon for hospitalization	05-458558
	Restart Center for Victims of Torture and Violence	76-708083

## CONTACT NUMBERS FOR SOCIAL SUPPORT

UNHCR Partners if you need Social Support	
Caritas Liban Migrant Centre ML	01 502550 / 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 (Sin El Fil) 70 191 182 ( Nahr Ibrahim ) 70 168203 (Sed al Baouchriye) 70 251290 (Rmeileh) 01 466470 (Mrayji) 01 243834 (Bourj Hammoud)
Makhzoumi Foundation Beirut	03 243255
MOSA Centers ML	01 / 262687 (Bourj Hammoud) 05 / 554074 (Aley) 01 / 450724 (Bourj Brajneh) 03 / 528825 (Jounieh) 07 / 242038 (Chhim) 01 / 274614 (Chiah)

## HOW REGISTERED REFUGEES ACCESS MEDICAL TREATMENT IN LEBANON

### STEP 1

Contact a Primary Health Center or dispensary to see a doctor.



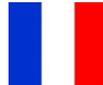
### STEP 2

If your doctor says you need to go to the hospital, contact MediVisa Lebanon.

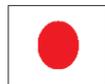


In a life-threatening emergency you can go straight to a Hospital but remember to contact MediVisa Lebanon 05-458558 (Monday to Friday 8am-5pm & Saturday 8am-1pm) or 03-261640/81-773207 if you are in Beirut, or 03-416299/71-451217 if in Mt Lebanon (only after working hours, Sundays and public holidays).

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