**Cost & Coverage**

1. **What services are free with public health insurance?**

* Basic medical services, including GP visits and essential treatments, are typically covered. Operations in state hospitals are also covered. Emergency care is **free** under TAJ, but follow-up treatments may require a referral before you can get them for free. However, having glasses or dental treatment for example are not or just partly covered.

1. **Are there any hidden costs for using public healthcare services?**

Basically, no, there aren’t any fees. Although, if you need some services, like medical certificates for jobs, applications or driving licenses, there are fees.

However, having glasses or dental treatment for example are not or just partly covered by the state. Also, at the pharmacy, you have to pay for the medicines – though a discounted price – even if they are prescribed for you.

1. **Does public health insurance cover medication, and will I need to pay for prescriptions?**

Public health insurance covers some parts of medication costs; however, co-payments are required. Usually, those food supplements and vitamins that can be bought without a prescription are not state supported, so a full price has to be paid for them.

<https://ogyei.gov.hu/lists> - lists of available medicines

1. **Are dental check-ups or treatments covered by public insurance?**

Basic dental services are covered, but more complex procedures may require additional payment.

1. **Can I combine public health insurance with private health services?**

Yes, you can use private services alongside public health insurance, but private services will incur additional costs. A doctor from the private sector can also ask for your TAJ number to provide you with state supported medication or to check your past medical history. A referral from a GP is never needed in a private institution.

1. **How much would private health services cost compared to public ones?**

Private services are generally more expensive, costs vary depending on the provider and service. 10.000 - 20.000 - 30.000 HUF for a check-up is usual. Applying imaging techniques (CT scan, MRI, ultrasound, X-ray) may double the cost.