**General Access**

1. **How do I register for public healthcare services as a student in Hungary?**

If you’re a ministry scholarship holder (e.g., Stipendium Hungaricum, SCYP, FAO, DFP), your scholarship covers public health insurance (TAJ card). The University is responsible for the first application process, so the responsible non-educational coordinator collects the relevant documentation from you and processes your application and validation procedure. Self-financed and MISP students should obtain private health insurance, as they are not entitled to have a TAJ number and a card unless they have a job. However, a student job – arranged by an agency – does not entitle them to apply for a TAJ number.

1. **Where can I find a General Practitioner (GP) near my location?**

You can search for local GPs through the Hungarian health directory <https://www.nnk.gov.hu/index.php/egeszsegugyi-igazgatas/nyilvantartasok/ellatasi-teruletek-nyilvantartasai.html> or consult your university’s student services for recommendations, or check the university’s website (<https://en.uni-mate.hu/practical-matters>), where you can find more information.

<http://appserver.antsz.hu/jtek/ellatas> - less useful collection of available

1. **Do I need a Hungarian address to access public healthcare services?**

Yes, a local address is typically required to register for public healthcare services. Your address is the basis for patients’ allocation to public healthcare institutions.

1. **Do I need to make an appointment to see a doctor, or are walk-ins allowed?**

It’s advisable to make an appointment, as walk-in availability varies by clinic. In case of emergency, it is not necessary to make an appointment. In private medical centres, emergency cases are not treated, and making an appointment is a must.

1. **What’s the process for booking an appointment with a GP?**

Contact the clinic directly via phone or online to schedule an appointment. The phone number of the **Call Centre** is **+36 1 776 7055 which service is available for MATE students regardless of your address.** Based on your address, in Gödöllő, you can reach Tormay Healthcare Centre via 06 28/430-655, 06 28/430-452, location: Petőfi Sándor utca 1.

1. **Can I choose my GP, or will one be assigned to me?**

The allocated GP is chosen based on your address. However, if you are dissatisfied with your general practitioner, there is a possibility of finding someone else. In case your chosen doctor is ready to accept you in his/her district, he/she will request your past medical history documentation from your previous GP. This practice is very rare for patients because of the high demand for GP services.

1. **Can I only access a General Practitioner (GP), or does public health care service allow me to consult a specialist directly?**

For certain specialists, you can consult them directly (oto-rhino-laryngologist, gynaecologist); for others (rheumatologist, cardiologist, a GP referral is necessary. Check the Lists of Specialists for more detailed information.