

HEALTHCARE ENTITLEMENTS AS OF 1ST AUGUST 2011

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Status	Primary Care	Secondary Care
Asylum Seeker pursuing claim for protection	<p>GPs have discretion to accept any person, including overseas visitors, to be fully registered as a NHS patient</p> <p>GPs are not responsible for charging - only hospitals have this responsibility. If the treatment is immediately necessary or urgent the GP has a duty to treat that person without charge.</p> <p>A&E treatment is free to all until the patient is admitted as an inpatient or provided with an outpatient appointment</p>	Full access. Exempt from all charges
AS refused but appealing		Exempt from all charges until appeal rights exhausted.
Refused Asylum Seekers not in appeal or pursuing fresh claim		Access to services & exempt from charges if <u>accessing Section 4 or Section 95 support.</u>
		<p>Otherwise liable for hospital treatment charges.</p> <p>Any course of treatment which is underway when person becomes fully refused and is not supported by UKBA will continue free of charge until complete.</p> <p>Must be charged for new treatment. Hospitals must not withhold treatment that is considered immediately necessary.</p>
Discretionary Leave to Remain (not recognised as refugee or HP)		Access without charge
Granted Refugee Status	Full access and exemption from charges	
Humanitarian Protection	Full access and exemption from charges	
Asylum Seeking Children	Full access and exemption from charges	
Victims of Trafficking	Full access and exemption from charges	