



Apply for healthcare allowance via your employment agency

Healthcare allowance is money you may receive as a benefit from the Tax and Customs Administration. This money is intended to help you pay part of your health insurance premium. If you want your employment agency to arrange healthcare allowance for you, please inform your contact person at the employment agency as soon as possible.

Health insurance

You have taken out health insurance through your employment agency to cover (part of) the medical costs you incur when you are ill. Each month, you pay a health insurance premium, which is deducted from your wages. You will have to pay the premium, even when you did not need care in that month. In the Netherlands, everyone must have health insurance, including if you temporarily come to the Netherlands to work.

Healthcare allowance

The Tax and Customs Administration can help you pay part of your health insurance premium. This is called healthcare allowance. If you have a right to healthcare allowance, you'll receive an amount with which to pay part of your healthcare costs or health insurance premium. You must have health insurance on the first day of the month. You will only receive healthcare allowance if you are 18 or older and your income is not too high.

How does it work?

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- 1** Your employment agency can apply for healthcare allowance for you. You don't have to pay anything for this service. You can simply authorise the employment agency to do so via an authorisation form.
- 2** Once you have signed the authorisation form, your employer will submit the application to the Tax and Customs Administration via your health insurer **HollandZorg**. HollandZorg has come to an agreement with the Tax and Customs Administration to make this possible.
- 3** The Tax and Customs Administration will need your expected annual income and your bank account number (IBAN). The bank account must be in your name and should not be used by others.
- 4** If the Tax and Customs Administration approves your healthcare allowance application, you will receive a certain amount in your bank account every month in arrears. In February, for example, you will receive the January allowance. Etcetera. As long as nothing changes in your situation, the amount is the same each month.



Changes in your situation

Be aware, when receiving healthcare allowance, you must report any changes in your situation to the employment agency immediately. For instance, when your income changes. If you don't, you may receive more allowance than you are entitled to. In that case, you may have to pay money back. Please, also inform the employment agency if your bank account number changes. If you stop working at your employment agency, the healthcare allowance will automatically stop. There is nothing you need to do.

Applying for healthcare allowance yourself

You can also apply for healthcare allowance yourself, without help from the employment agency. In that case, you do need a DigiD. This allows you to prove who you are when you log in to the Tax and Customs Administration's website. The healthcare allowance website is in Dutch only, so you may need some help with this.