



# HEALTH CARE SYSTEM FRANCE



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**Country :** France  
**Capital :** Paris  
**Language :** Français  
**Population :** 66,99 millions (2019)  
**Density :** 116 par km<sup>2</sup>  
**Area :** 643 801 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Currency :** Euro  
**Time zone :** (UTC+2)  
**Internet domain :** .fr  
**Calling code :** +33

## THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

The healthcare system in France is one of the best in Europe. Apart from the undisputed competence of French health professionals, the country enjoys very good sanitary facilities: modern public and private hospitals, and high-tech medical equipment.

The French Social Security system contains 4 main branches:

- Health Insurance, hospitalization coverage, medication and consultations
- Retirement
- Work accidents
- The family

In the event of illness, the Health Insurance covers the reimbursement of the obligatory part, according to the conventional rates and tariffs, as well as a reimbursement on the Basis of predefined Payment (BRSS). For a better reimbursement rate, policyholders can subscribe a complimentary health insurance, this last is not mandatory but strongly recommended.

As a foreign student in France, a young active or a simple traveler, consider taking a health insurance like IWI-F (Insurance while in France), and get a coverage of 70 or 90% reimbursement rate on your unexpected health care expenses in France.

### VACCINE

To travel in France comfortably, the basic vaccines on your immunization scheduled calendar must be up-to-date. However, rest assure: the health risks are low in this country.

- **Hepatitis A :** Affecting the liver, hepatitis A is a virus that usually spreads via contaminated food or water. Symptoms can take from two to six weeks to appear. Fatigue, loss of appetite, stomach ache, nausea and jaundice are among others, the most common symptoms.
- **Hepatitis B :** To protect yourself against the risk of liver inflammation, the vaccine against viral hepatitis B is recommended if you want to stay in France.
- **Rabies :** in case of prolonged stay, in isolation.

### DISEASES

In France, there are no widespread diseases. However, it is recommended to protect yourself against :

- **Traveler's diarrhea :**

This disease is mainly caused by poor hygiene. Its risk is low, but you still have to be careful !

- **STIs :**

In France, sexually transmitted infections are not rare, but they are not widespread either! Just take the necessary precautions.

CARE	COST
General practitioner	25 €
Dentist	120 €
Ophthalmologist	150 €
Hospitalization	6500 €

## THE DISADVANTAGES OF THE **PUBLIC** SYSTEM

- Long waiting lists.

## THE DISADVANTAGES OF THE **PRIVATE** SYSTEM

- Costs of care often expensive in case of hospitalization.

### USEFUL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- **15** : Emergencies
- **17** : Police
- **18** : Fire fighters
- **112** : European emergency number
- **114** : emergency number for the deaf and hard of hearing

### iwi-F'S ADVICES

In France, health costs remains relatively expensive. To be better reimbursed on your health expenses, consider subscribing to a private insurance like I-iwi-F.

Our insurance offers you a selection of guarantees, according to your needs:

- Reimbursement from 70% to 90% of health and medical expenses in real costs.
- Assistance and repatriation in your country of origin.
- Liability and Personal accident Insurance.
- Advance funds in the event of loss or theft of your personal belongings.

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