Health Care Agreement between Italy and Australia

As a result of the reciprocal Health Care Agreement, Australian citizens visiting Italy are entitled to Italian national health care for necessary or urgent treatment arising during their stay in Italy (maximum 6 months).

Health care under the reciprocal Agreement does not include:

- hospital accommodation/treatment as a private patient;
- items such as glasses, contact lenses, dental work, etc.;
- medical evacuation private doctors

To be eligible for treatment under the Agreement people is requested to possess a current Australian passport or a current passport from another country clearly indicating your resident status in Australia and your Medicare card.

Payment of “tickets” is required for diagnostics treatment and tests

For emergencies: you are required to go to the nearest Local Health Center (Azienda Sanitaria Locale - A.S.L.) or to the Public Hospital (First Aid - Pronto Soccorso). ASL. addresses can be found in the white pages.

Medicines into Italy

Doctor’s certificate should indicate that the medicine is for the personal use due to [indicate reason]. This certificate must be translated into Italian.

Supply of routine medication is not covered by the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement.