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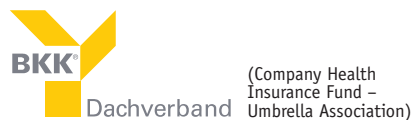
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Greetings

Dear fellow citizens!

Ever since you came to Germany from your home country, you surely often experience everyday life as strange and odd. Here, the daily interaction is organized very differently from how you know it. Sometimes, this is difficult to understand as we hear over and over again when speaking with affected people.

Caring of people who are mentally ill happens differently here than in your home country. That this is confusing you is understandable for us. That is why we very much care about to give you some orientation with this guide. Use this guide as a hint to possibly find the appropriate support for the situation you or your relatives are in.

Especially for people who are confronted with the psychiatric care in Germany for the first time, the system appears to be incomprehensible and unclear. Assistance is necessary, so that you can find your way around the system. Companions are needed, who stand by and take care that all the right answers are given in situations of distress. Please regard us, the Federal association for relatives of mentally ill persons (BApK e.V.), as the ones who look after you so that you can stay on the right track – as an affected person or as a relative.

With this in mind, we wish you and your relatives all the best on your way to recovery.

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■ **General information on the health care system**

One thing is clear: someone who falls physically or mentally ill in Germany, definitely receives medical help. Basically, the health care system in Germany stands on the foundation of the insurance companies. However, as a refugee, you are not necessarily insured. Your health care is ensured by the social welfare offices or the health department of the city or the district you live in.

Locally, it is regulated differently, how medical care for refugees is organized. In some cities or districts, a health care insurance chip card of the insurance company is provided for you. In other regions, you will have to collect a medical treatment certificate at the responsible offices with which you can visit a family doctor or a specialist. Sometimes, medical and nursing professionals come into the facilities of refugee aid and render every assistance on site, unbureaucratically and uncomplicated. Nobody who suffers physically or mentally will be excluded from being offered help.

Important

Please, always keep all health records. If you have brought documents from home, please keep them. Stay thorough with all medical papers you receive in Germany. For the physicians, the information contained is important information for the continuation of your treatment.

■ **When the soul loses its balance**

When you have the feeling that your soul is losing balance, do not hesitate accept support. In countries and cultures where you come from, dealing with mentally ill persons is even more shame tainted than in Germany. For the social community, the misbalanced soul is a taboo.

In Germany, there is a diverse and extensive psychiatric care system which can offer you support. For emergencies, there are psychiatric clinics and outpatient departments nationwide that can help you. There is standard care in psychiatric specialist practices and psychotherapeutic practices. This system is supplemented with a so called complementary care system which offers diverse opportunities of access. In this context, you will be confronted with terms like day care clinic, day care center or outpatient departments.

Important

Find the courage to speak to the social or voluntary refugee aid worker in the facilities or the neighborhood. Certainly, the necessary help will be found for you.

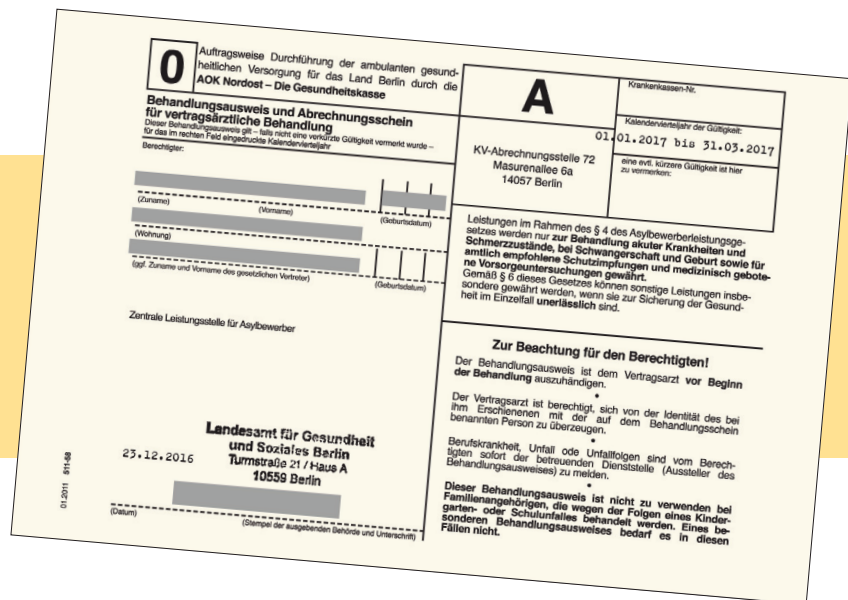
■ **What is a medical treatment certificate and an electronic health insurance chip card?**

Depending on the federal state, the district or the municipality, you get an electronic health insurance chip card or a medical treatment certificate before being allowed to receive health care services.

The **medical treatment certificate** can be collected at local public authorities and is valid for three months. This certificate legitimizes the doctor's visit. When the doctor refers you to a hospital or prescribes medication, the local authority must be immediately informed about that.



Medical treatment certificate for refugees



The **electronic health care insurance chip card** (Fig. 2) substitutes the medical treatment certificate. You must keep it safe like a bank card. It makes the access to the health care system easier because you do not need go to the local authority office for every necessary treatment beforehand.



Electronic health insurance chip card

■ **Language barriers in psychiatric and psychotherapeutic care**

Due to the influx of refugees and many other migration movements, there are often language barriers in the psychiatric and psychotherapeutic care. These barriers will make it more difficult for you to get to a feeling of togetherness with the treating doctors and psychologists. In this tense situation you find yourself, it will be difficult to build a relationship of trust towards people.

The fact that you are meeting a person that knows neither your language nor the cultural characteristics of your home country, makes guidance difficult, of course. In psychiatric clinics, there is often linguistic support by the staff, sometimes also by a translator or translation services via modern media. We would like to present to you some translation programs for your smartphone or other devices:

For Apple iPhones

<http://www.itranslate.com>

<http://www.sayhitranslate.com>

For Android devices

<http://www.nyxcore.com>

For all other devices

<http://www.speak-and-translate.com>

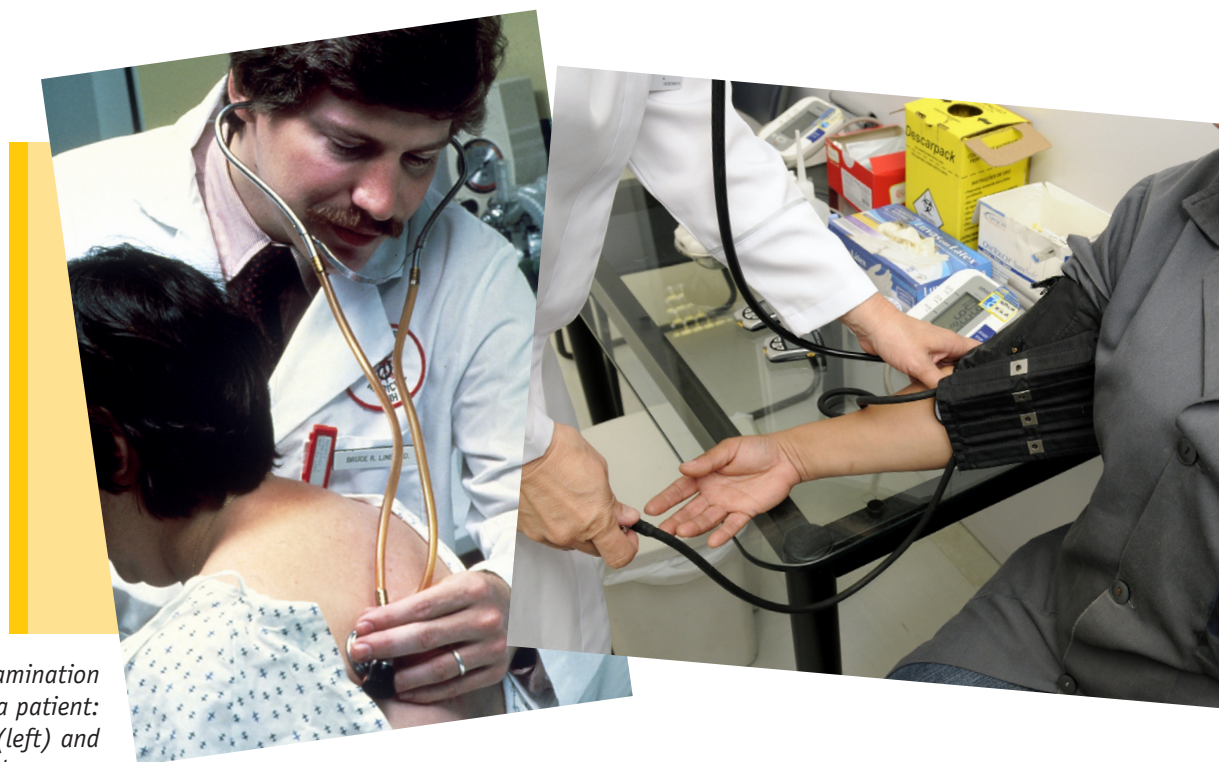
When you have a trusted person, who can accompany you to a psychiatrist and speaks German, a least a little, then bring them along.

Every now and then, there is the challenge that relatives or other people around you are causing the illness or part of the disease incident. If this is the case, being accompanied by them does not make sense. You must be sure that the person accompanying you translates the truth.

Only to limited extent, you will meet people in psychiatric clinics or specialist practices who will have the same language skills or cultural socialization as you do. Capacities for a treatment in your mother language are limited.

■ What does psychiatric anamnesis/psychiatric diagnostics mean?

Doctors have the responsibility for diagnoses and the resulting treatment. They give prescriptions, refer persons to clinics and decide the possibilities after a diagnosis. At this point, you will be physically examined.



Physical examination of a patient: auscultation (left) and blood pressure measurement (right)

In the psychiatric context, the doctors will work with **psychopathologic findings** which inform about your symptoms. A psychopathological finding is a result based on conversations with you and your relatives (personal and external anamnesis). The person's motivation and mood, orientation and the experienced world are being examined carefully and in detail. Psychiatrists take blood and cerebrospinal fluid samples from your nerve tracts and induce **laboratory tests**. It is a routine examination during which certain parameters are being tested and which will give information about psychiatric diseases.

In the course of **instrumental diagnostics**, psychiatrists conduct electro-encephalograms (EEG) or imaging techniques (computer tomography CT, magnet resonance imaging MRI).

The EEG measures your brain activity by fixing electrodes to the head for a short time. The CT or MRI is comparable to an X-ray examination in which changes in brain anatomy or brain activity are visualized. A **physical examination** completes the procedure.



Electro-encephalogram (EEG)



*Computer tomography (CT)
(Magnet resonance imaging only differs in technology not in the appearance of the device)*

■ **Consultation hours at reception centers**

Rather unbureaucratic are medical consultation hours in reception centers. Physicians from direct vicinities organize consultation hours on site. German authorities have the responsibility to cover the costs. That is how a psychiatric specialist will visit you at home.

■ **Consultation hours at outpatient institutes**

Psychiatric outpatient institutes are part of hospital care. You have to make an appointment to talk about your hardships and suffering. Visiting an outpatient institute is comparable to a consultation at a doctor's office. In many regions, the psychiatric outpatient institutes take over the function of specialist practices because the supply by medical specialists differs from region to region.

Important

Normally, it is necessary to make an appointment in a psychiatric outpatient institute. In cases of emergency, it can be waived.

■ **Established psychiatrists**

Established psychiatrist usually treat you outside of a crisis. You can get an appointment there. The treating psychiatrist has the possibility to get an impression of treatment procedures. When necessary, he or she will adjust the dose of prescribed medication or make other suggestions which will lead to a reduction or recovery of your mental illness. The main focus of this medical action is pharmacotherapy, the treatment with medication.

Psychiatrists are strictly bound by medical confidentiality. For you as an affected person, this means a high level of trust and confidentiality. What happens between you and the practitioner stays between the two of you.

Important

Please regard yourself as an active part of the treatment. The more reflective and motivated the psychiatrist perceives you, the more expedient guidance can be structured. The affected person's as well as their relative's participation increases the accuracy and success of the intervention.

■ **Established psychological psychotherapists**

Established psychotherapists work independently in their own offices. They focus on conversation therapy. According to their subject area, they make suggestions concerning various intervention possibilities. They are also bound by medical confidentiality. In contrast to the selective visits at specialists' offices, a psychotherapy requires continuity. This means an enormous willingness on your part, e.g. to visit the psychotherapist on a weekly basis.

Psychotherapies last for many months up to years. As a refugee, it is more difficult but not impossible to get a psychotherapy approved. It is often a very exhausting under-

taking when you are working on biographical experiences and conditionings during a psychotherapy. But experiences show that it is worth the effort. During conversation therapies, you can talk about topics you have often been silent about in your life.

■ **Acute psychiatric care in clinics**

Psychiatric hospitals have a clear organizational structure. This structure looks like the following:

Full inpatient care

A mentally ill person's full inpatient care happens in a clinic. This means that you are in the clinic 24 hours a day. There, you spend the day at the ward with one to two dozen other people. You eat at the ward. You sleep at the ward. During the day, several therapy possibilities will be offered to you. It makes sense to do a full inpatient care not only during a crisis but also after a crisis. Inside the psychiatric clinics, there is usually a separation between open and closed wards. In which one you will be treated depends on your condition.

Semi inpatient care

The day care clinic belongs to the semi inpatient offers of a psychiatric clinic. You spend the days there with other people, comparable to a workplace. In the evenings, you are with your family again respectively in your accommodation. This has the advantage that the mentally ill person's recovery can happen under authentic and everyday life conditions. You are also in your familiar environment at weekends. The purpose of semi inpatient care is primarily to structure the day and to follow the affected person's daily routine as much as possible..

Outpatient care

Outpatient care of a psychiatric clinic includes the outpatient department and the outpatient psychiatric care. The outpatient department rather has a "you-come-to-us"-policy which puts your autonomy in focus. You will be given great trust.

The outpatient psychiatric care follows the please-go-there-principle which goes by the affected person's condition. What kind of outpatient offers are available in your region, the clinic can surely tell you.

What is a psychosocial counselling center and where can I find one?

Some carriers of welfare or charities offer support at psychosocial counselling centers. These offers cannot be found nationwide. They are not the appropriate contact point in times of a mental crisis. The fact that these psychosocial counselling centers work culturally sensitively and also provide a wide range of language skilled personnel, make their therapeutic value and work useful.

The psychosocial counselling centers have opportunities in the area of psychotherapy and consultation as well as social work for refugees who are traumatized by persecution, torture, imprisonment, war, but also who suffer because of the escape or are mentally ill.

Pharmacy

When the psychiatrist prescribes you medication, he or she will give you a prescription. With this prescription, you can go to the pharmacy and you will get medication. As long as you have the status of a refugee, you do not have to pay any extra costs. However, with an orderly employment it must be checked to what extent you have to pay fees.

If you should need a pharmacy at weekend, you don't have to worry about being without help. There is an emergency system of pharmacies. There are individual pharmacies in city district or regions which are open around the clock. The pharmacy closest to you usually informs via a generally accessible notice where the next emergency pharmacy is located.

■ Oral medication and depot medication

There is medication which you have to take in as pills or drops, once up to several times a day. It is very important that you take it regularly. The doctor assumes regular intakes. When doctors see you at visits at the outpatient department or practices, they will form an opinion about your condition. They will determine the dose of the medication by their personal impression, mutual conversations and the collected laboratory results. It is crucial that you inform the specialist how you are coping with the medication.

Depot medication will be given via an intramuscular injection. This has the advantage that you do not have to pay attention to the daily intake of medication. If you receive a neuroleptic treatment due to a psychosis, the depot injection is the method of choice. Another advantage is that you have to visit the doctor's office or the outpatient department in regular intervals (every one to four weeks.)

Important

Please make a decision that makes you feel comfortable. Take care of you. Your body and soul sends you signals what does you well. There is no right or wrong.

■ **Advice for relatives on dealing with persons after traumatic experiences**

As a relative, you can – above all – support the affected persons by being a companion along the path and offering necessary help. It makes sense to function as a conversation partner and go through all distress with the person concerned. But you have to be aware of your own limits. Do not go beyond your own possibilities. Because you are part of the mentally ill person's system, you are emotionally involved in any case. This restricts you and your opportunities.

Information about the illness are the first step to evaluating the mentally ill person's peculiarities and therefore to start dealing with them. Is the traumatized person getting the imagination of having to relive the horrible experience again, it becomes your task to go through this bad experience with them.

Surely, you can always offer help. But do not forget to sustain the ill relative's autonomy and independency. Do not hesitate to draw the line when you do not feel comfortable with the situation. Talk about the perceived helplessness and the lack of understanding for the mentally suffering person. There is no reason to be ashamed about the own or a relative's mental illness. It does not help anyone if you lose the ground underneath your feet because of overload.

The local health care system offers support for the relatives of mentally ill people. On the one side, relatives can call attention that they need some relief. Use the opportunity of a treatment/cure, so an ill relative can be treated in short-term care. Upon consultation, mostly the costs are covered by the insurance company. Because of the self-help movement, many possibilities of relief can be financed simultaneously. Try getting into contact with the local relative association or organization.

As a self-help association, we offer support for relatives and affected persons via the "SoulFone". We can even offer help in the Arabic language. Further information on www.bapk.de



■ Appendix

Psychosocial Centers in Germany

- PSZ Aachen – Psychosoziales Zentrum für Flüchtlinge
(Psycho Social Centre for Refugees) in der Städteregion Aachen
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Phone: 0241 49000, Fax: 0241 49004,
E-Mail: paez.ac@t-online.de und Psz.ac@gmx.de, Web: www.paez-aachen.de/psz.html

- Diakonisches Werk Altenkirchen – Fachdienst für Flüchtlinge und Migranten,
Psychosoziales Zentrum für Flüchtlinge (Special service for Refugees and Migrants,
Psycho Social Centre for Refugees)
Stadthallenweg 16, 57610 Altenkirchen
Phone: 02681 800820, E-Mail: liebmann@dw-ak.de, Web: diakonie-altenkirchen.de/psz

- Zentrum Überleben gGmbH, GSZ Moabit, Haus K Eingang C, 3. OG
Turmstraße, 21, 10559 Berlin
Phone: 030 3039060, Fax: 030 30614371,
E-Mail: info@ueberleben.org, Web: www.ueberleben.org

- XENION Berlin – Psychosoziale Hilfen für politisch Verfolgte
Paulsenstraße 55/56, 12163 Berlin
Phone: 030 3232933, Fax: 030 3248575,
E-Mail: info@xenion.org, Web: www.xenion.org

- Behandlungsstelle für traumatisierte Flüchtlinge (Care Centre for traumatized
Refugees), Fürstenwalde, c/o KommMit e.V., Haus K, Eingang D, 2. OG links
Turmstraße, 21, 10559 Berlin
Phone: 030 98353731, Fax: 030 98353914,
E-Mail: m.misselwitz@kommit.eu, Web: www.bbzberlin.de/kontakt/impressum/53-%E2%80%9Ekooperation-f%C3%BCr-fl%C3%BChtlinge-in-brandenburg%E2%80%9C-kfb.html

- PSZ Bielefeld – Psychosoziales Zentrum für Flüchtlinge (Psycho Social Centre for
Refugees), (Ev. Krankenhaus Bielefeld gGmbH und AK Asyl e.V.)
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E-Mail: dallwitz@ak-asyl.info, Web: www.psz-nrw.de/psz-netzwerk/psz-bielefeld/,
Flyer: www.psz-nrw.de/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Flyer-PSZ-Bielefeld.pdf

- MFH Bochum – Medizinische Flüchtlingshilfe (Medical Aid for Refugees) e.V.
Dr.-Ruer-Platz 2, 44787 Bochum
Phone: 0234 9041380, Fax: 0234 9041381,
E-Mail: info@mfh-bochum.de, Web: www.mfh-bochum.de

- REFUGIO Bremen – Psychosoziales Zentrum für ausländische Flüchtlinge
(Psycho Social Centre for foreign Refugees) e.V.
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E-Mail: info@refugio-bremen.de, Web: www.refugio-bremen.de

- Psychosoziales Zentrum für Flüchtlinge (Psycho Social Centre for Refugees) Dortmund
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- Sächsischer Flüchtlingsrat e.V.
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- Ev. Zentrum für Beratung und Therapie am Weißen Stein
(Centre for Counselling and Therapy at Weißer Stein)
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Web: www.frankfurt-evangelisch.de/91.html

- FATRA Frankfurt/M. – Frankfurter Arbeitskreis Trauma und Exil e.V.
Berger Straße 118, 60316 Frankfurt/Main
Phone: 069 499174, Fax: 069 498526,
E-Mail: info@fatra-ev.de, Web: www.fatra-ev.de

- Pro Asyl – Bundesweite Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Flüchtlinge
(Federal Working Collective for Refugees) e.V.
Postfach 160624, 60069 Frankfurt/Main
Phone: 069 230688, Fax: 069 230650,
E-Mail: proasyl@proasyl.de, Web: www.proasyl.de

- Psychosoziales Zentrum für Asylsuchende und MigrantInnen
(Psycho Social Centre for Asylum Seekers and Migrants) in Vorpommern,
im Kreisdiakonischen Werk Greifswald e.V.
Kapaunenstraße 10, 17489 Greifswald
Phone: 03834 2311269, Fax: 03834 2311265,
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- PSZ für Flüchtlinge (Psycho Social Centre for Refugees) Diakonie Mark-Ruhr
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- SEGEMI, Seelische Gesundheit Migration und Flucht
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- Netzwerk für traumatisierte Flüchtlinge in Niedersachsen
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- Therapiezentrum für Folteropfer (Therapy Centre for Victims of Torture) des Caritasverbandes für die Stadt Köln e.V.
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- Psychosoziales Zentrum für Geflüchtete (Psycho Social Centre for Refugees) Leipzig,
Mosaik Leipzig –
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- Caritasverband für die Region Rhein-Mosel-Ahr e.V. IN TERRA – Psychosoziales Zentrum für Flüchtlinge (Psycho Social Centre for Refugees), Mayen
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- you are suddenly very challenged by the tasks associated with you as a relative?
- you want more information and advice?

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