

# FREE HEALTH CARE

## SERVICES IN SOUTH AFRICA:

The Gauteng High Court confirmed that all pregnant and lactating women, and children under six, can access **free health services** at all public health facilities, including hospitals, irrespective of nationality and documentation status.



### Who does it apply to?

- ALL pregnant women
- ALL women who are lactating
- ALL children below the age of six

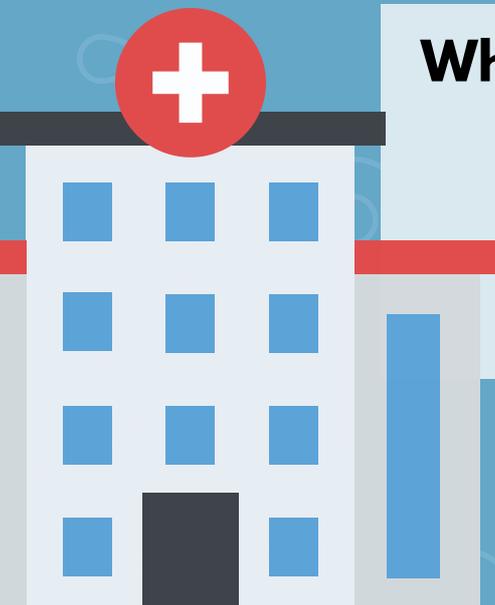


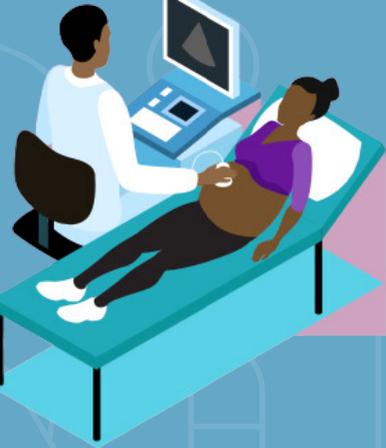
## Irrespective of nationality and documentation status

### Who is not eligible?

- People who are on medical aid
- And foreign nationals who come to South Africa specifically to access health care services.

Gauteng Regulations that allowed hospitals to demand payment from patients are declared **invalid**.





Section 27(1)(a) of the Constitution says that **everyone** is entitled to access free health care services, which includes reproductive health care.



Hospitals and clinics may not ask pregnant and lactating women, and children under six to go through a fee classification and determination process.

### What happens if you're turned away?

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