

INFORMATION

Exemption from prescription (Rezeptgebührenbefreiung)

The purpose of this translated information sheet is to assist your comprehension. You **MUST** refer to the German version for current amounts (in Euros).

Charges valid from 1 January 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Under certain conditions, people needing a prescription do not have to pay prescription charges. Except in cases regulated by law, the exemption must be submitted to the district health insurance fund (*Gebietskrankenkasse*).

The following are exempt from prescription charges and do not have to make an application:

- Recipients of cash benefits who already have a specific social need for protection when this benefit is awarded (e.g. pension with a cost-of-living allowance – there are special regulations for people with a farm annuity (*Ausgedinge*)).
- Patients with notifiable diseases (the exemption is solely for medicines for treating the notifiable disease and not for treating complications).
- People doing community service (*Zivildienst*) and their dependants.

The following are exempt from prescription charges and have to make an application:

- Those whose monthly net income does not exceed the following amounts:
€ 909,42 for single people and
€ 1.363,52 for married couples or partners.
- People who due to sickness or infirmity provide evidence of above average outgoings and whose monthly net income does not exceed the following amounts:
€ 1.045,83 for single persons and
€ 1.568,05 for married couples or partners.
- The above amounts increase by **€ 140,32** for every co-insured child.

There are different regulations for people who have a farm annuity (*Ausgedinge*).

If there are people with their own incomes living together with the insured person, we have to consider such people as well.

If your application is approved, the exemption from prescription charges will be stored electronically and can be viewed by your doctor using your e-Card. For the doctor, this means that the prescriptions must be marked “exempt from prescription charges”.

**If anything is unclear or you require further information,
please call us on: 0316/8035-3000**

Kind regards
STEIERMÄRKISCHE GEBIETSKRANKENKASSE