

Overseas Visitors Advice and Liaison Service

Your Baby's Visa and Free NHS Care

ARE YOU A PATIENT WITH VALID LEAVE AND HOLD A VISA? DID YOU KNOW YOUR BABY MAY NEED TO HAVE THEIR OWN VISA IN ORDER TO ACCESS FREE NHS HOSPITAL CARE AFTER 3 MONTHS OF AGE?

This leaflet explains the NHS Overseas Visitors Charging Regulations 2015 rule for children born to parents who are in the UK under immigration control and require NHS hospital treatment after 3 months of age.

If you give birth to a child in the UK, your child will be entitled to free NHS hospital treatment in England on the same basis as someone who is ordinarily resident up to 3 months of age, but **only** if they remain in the UK during that period.

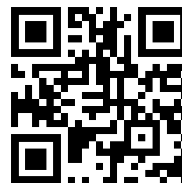
You will also need to meet one of these criteria:

- You must have a valid visa of more than 6 months and paid the Immigration Health Surcharge.
OR
- You have a valid visa of more than 6 months, but are exempt from paying the Immigration Health Surcharge.
OR
- You have valid pre-settled leave under the EU Settlement Scheme.

We understand that this may be a difficult time, but you should apply and have a valid visa granted for your child during the 3 month period after your child's birth. If required, you may have to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge for your child.

Failure to do so means you may be charged for NHS hospital charges provided for your child after the 3 month period ends.

This leaflet is to let you know this information in advance. We cannot advise you on Home Office leave directly. Please check the government website for more information: <https://www.gov.uk/> or scan QR code:



If you need any further advice following that please look for legal advice from a specialist in immigration law.

Please note that your legal representative may advise you that you only need apply for leave if you wish to take your child out of the UK. We cannot comment on this, we are informing you specifically about entitlement to NHS hospital care.

If you have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

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<https://www.nnuh.nhs.uk/patients-visitors/give-us-your-feedback/complete-a-survey/>

Or scan QR code:

