

## Health insurance made easy

## How to pay contributions for my student health insurance

In Germany, everybody needs health insurance. Most people are covered by a public health insurance provider, for example BARMER.

How you pay the contributions depends on whether you are a student, an employee or self-employed. Here, we explain how it works for students. We highly recommend that you open a German bank account. That makes everything a lot easier and you don't have to worry about foreign transaction fees.

Contributions for students are paid monthly and retroactively. If your semester starts in October, your first payment is due on November 15th. The next payment is due on December 15th for November and so on. But how do you actually pay the health insurance contributions? The easiest way for you is when the health insurance provider directly debits the contributions from your bank account. This way, you don't have to do anything.

What do we need for that? When you sign up for health insurance, you receive a SEPA direct debit mandate from us. Just fill it out, sign it and send it back to us. With this document, you allow us to debit your monthly contributions. That's it!

Do you have any more questions about health insurance in Germany? Don't hesitate to contact us. We're always happy to assist you.

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