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TAJ card (Hungarian social security card)	Simmelweis Premium private insurance
• You have to apply for the card in the SH/DSP office. You will receive instruction emails on how to do this. The SH/DSP coordinators visit the health insurance office regularly and apply for your card. All you have to do is present the followings. ✓ Letter of Award from Tempus Foundation ✓ copy of your passport (only the page with your photo) ✓ copy of your residence permit (both sides) ✓ copy of your address card (the QR code document) ✓ "Jogviszony igazolás" (Certificate of Student status) from Neptun ✓ Filled out TAJ application form You must have a valid TAJ card in order to get any medical service provided by the Hungarian state. Having only a TAJ number is not enough.	• You get a form from your scholarship coordinator via e-mail at the beginning of September You have to ✓ Print out in 2 copies. ✓ Fill out both copies in blue ink. ✓ Sign & date both copies ✓ Hand in the papers to the Stipendium Hungaricum/ Diaspora scholarship coordinators.
• You must have a valid TAJ card if you would like to work in Hungary.	

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The TAJ card can be used FREE of CHARGE at Hungarian hospitals and clinics operated by the Hungarian government.	Can be used ONLY in hospitals that the insurance company recommends.
The hospital/surgery staff most probably speaks only Hungarian.	The doctors speak English.
The TAJ card covers all health-related costs with no limitation. E.g. surgery, X-ray, plaster bandage, staying in a hospital etc.	Covers health issues up to 2 million HUF (during the insurance period). For specifications please check “Simmelweis Premium- Info Guide”.
Basic dental services (checking, filling, root canal treatment, tartar removal) are FREE of CHARGE at surgeries and clinics operated by the Hungarian government.	The dentist is NOT COVERED at all, except for trauma accidents.
You get the TAJ card in the SH/DSP office once it's ready. It takes about 3-6 months to get the TAJ card. The countdown starts on the day when you apply in the SH/DSP office.	Once you submitted the above-mentioned Simmelweis contract in the SH/DSP office, it is going to be valid in a couple of days.
The expiry date of the TAJ card equals approximately to the expiry date of the residence.	The insurance is valid from the activation (after your in-person registration in September, fall semester) until August 31 (Spring semester)

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The expiry date is stamped in the right-hand corner at the bottom of the TAJ card, in Hungarian date. In case you stay longer in Hungary and extend your residence permit, your TAJ card won't get extended automatically. Please make sure to renew your TAJ card! It's your responsibility to apply for the TAJ card renewal!!!	
How to get a new TAJ card? Apply for a new TAJ card (once you have a new residence permit) within 30 days before the expiry date of the old one. You must arrange your own TAJ card renewal personally in the TAJ Office. Your SH/DSP coordinator can send you all needed information about the TAJ renewal process via e-mail upon request.	How to get the new private insurance? You get a form from your scholarship coordinator via e-mail at the beginning of September You have to ✓ Print out the form in 2 copies. ✓ Fill out both copies in blue ink. ✓ Sign both copies Hand in the papers to the Stipendium Hungaricum coordinators.

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• Citizens of Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine Hungary and the above mentioned countries has an agreement and you can have a state health insurance in only one of the two countries. In order to apply for the Hungarian one, you have to withdraw your home insurance. In case of Turkish and Serbian citizens, the homeland authorities must confirm this on a form named E104. The form is necessary even if you are not insured in Serbia/Turkey. In case of students coming from Montenegro and Ukraine a statement must be attached to the TAJ application including the following: <i>"I, undersigned XYZ, aware of my material and criminal liability, declare that I do not have health insurance status in another EEA Member State, Switzerland, Ukraine, Turkey, Montenegro and Serbia."</i> Of course you are not obliged to withdraw the insurance provided by your home country, but in this case you can be insured by Simmelweis only and you won't be eligible for TAJ card.	