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Taiwan has a national health insurance (NHI) system that covers nearly all of Taiwan's population. NHI is a mandatory, single-payer system for Taiwan citizens who have established at least six months of residency. Foreign nationals who meet the NHI's residency requirements are also insured, as are those hired by local employers.

The NHI system coverage provides access to over 20,000 hospitals, clinics, pharmacies and medical labs which provide inpatient and ambulatory care, dental services, vision, traditional Chinese medicine therapies, child delivery, physical therapy, home care and chronic mental illness care. The vast majority (93 per cent) of Taiwan's hospitals and clinics are NHI-contracted and most forms of treatment are covered, including general diagnoses, examinations, lab tests, anaesthesia, prescription and over-the-counter drugs, nursing care and hospital stays.