

## **Foreign Workers in Israel in the Age of Globalization: Health and Medical Aspects**

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The shift in the labor force from developing countries to developed countries constitutes one characteristic of the age of globalization. Israel is considered one of the leading countries in terms of its rate of foreign workers. Despite the fact that policies enabling their being brought in stipulate that their stay here is to be temporary, many of them have settled in, particularly in urban centers, and have even started families.

The article examines whether and to what extent the public health care system responds to the medical needs — both regular and special — of this population. The survey shows that many problems proliferate from the existing medical insurance arrangements for foreign workers in Israel, and the article contains proposals to rectify this situation by applying state medical insurance to this population, both for its own welfare and for the benefit of all residents of Israel, a country that purports to champion Jewish and humanist values.

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