

These are the most important changes to your health insurance in 2026.

Mandatory excess

In 2026, the mandatory excess will remain €385. For more information about the mandatory excess and the option to pay in instalments, visit [zk.nl/eigenrisico](https://www.zk.nl/eigenrisico).

Statutory personal contribution and maximum reimbursements

You are required to pay a statutory personal contribution towards the cost of certain care covered by your basic insurance, or a maximum reimbursement may apply. A few examples are patient transportation, or a wig. The government determines which care is subject to a personal contribution and sets the amount. For more information, visit [zk.nl/eigenbijdrage](https://www.zk.nl/eigenbijdrage). In 2026, the statutory personal contribution or maximum reimbursement for certain types of care is changing. Visit [zk.nl/vergoedingen](https://www.zk.nl/vergoedingen) and check your reimbursement ahead of time to make sure you know where you stand.



Changes to the basic insurance Basis Zeker

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Extra Vitaal

The reimbursement for the costs of the **safety conversation for aging in place with health risks** will be discontinued as of 2026.

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