

System of Subsidies for Medical Expenses for Children (from October 1st, 2024)

A system that covers part of the medical expenses when a child receives insured medical treatment at a medical institution

Child's age, etc	Payments eligible for subsidies	Amount to paid by the individual
Children from 0 to 18 years of age (Equivalent to the third-year of high school)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visits to hospital• Admission to hospital• Prescriptions filled at pharmacies where health insurance can be used• Medical equipment, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visits to hospital: 500 yen per day per medical institution (up to four days per month)• Admission to hospital: 500 yen per day per medical institution (up to 14 days per month)※ There is no amount to be paid for prescriptions filled at pharmacies where health insurance can be used, for medical equipment, etc. (There are some exceptions)

In the case that medical treatment is eligible for insurance payments from the Japan Sports Council (injuries sustained while in the care of a school, nursery school, kindergarten, etc., including when going to or from the school, nursery school or kindergarten), when you apply to the Japan Sports Council for payment, please be sure to mention that you used a Certificate of Eligibility for Subsidies when you visited the medical facility. If you fail to mention this, you may receive duplicate payments, and have to repay some or all of the amount.

If you go to a medical facility with 200 or more beds without a letter of introduction, costs for services not covered by health insurance, such as the fee for the first examination, fees for health checks, costs of vaccinations, costs of orthodontic treatments, charges for higher grade rooms, charges for diapers, etc., and costs for dietary treatments while in hospital will not be paid.

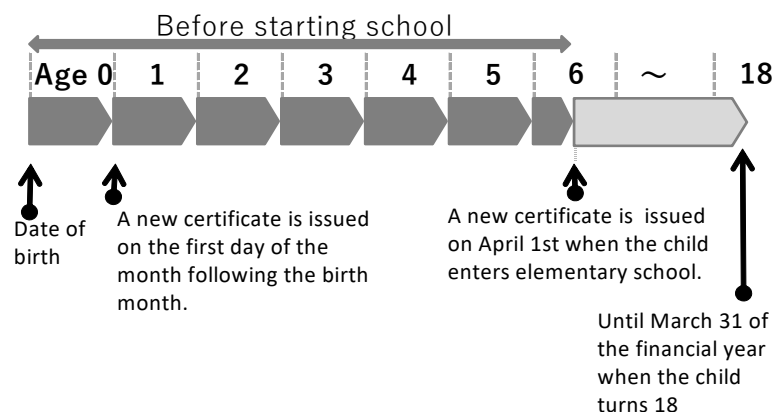
Necessary Items when making an application for subsidies

- The child's health insurance card
- An identity verification document with the applicant's face photo
- If the applicant moves to the city from abroad and income status cannot be confirmed, the applicant's passport
- If the applicant lives outside the city, a document to confirm the applicant's personal number (a My Number Card, etc.)

※Even if you do not have all the necessary documents, please be sure to complete the procedure within 14 days of the child's birth, or moving into the city.

Period of Validity of the Certificate of Eligibility, and Renewal:

- Before starting elementary school: from the date of application until the end of the child's next birthday month
- ※ For 6-year olds, until March 31 before starting elementary school
(A new certificate will be sent for April 1 onwards)
- After starting elementary school: from the date of application until March 31 of the financial year when the child turns 18
- ※ Those born on the 1st day of the month will receive a new certificate from the 1st of their birth month.



Notification of Changes:

If there are changes to your address, your Health Insurance Certificate, etc., or the parent or guardian responsible for the child changes, it is necessary to submit a notification of these changes.

Refund Payments (Refunds of Medical Expenses):

Within the validity period of the beneficiary certificate, you can claim for a refund of medical expenses paid in the following cases.

- Medical expenses paid before the beneficiary card is issued
- Medical expenses paid when visiting a medical facility outside the prefecture
- Costs paid for purchasing therapeutic equipment

※ Medical expenses that are not covered by insurance cannot be refunded, such as medical expenses for vaccinations and health checkups, meals, and some personal contributions (500 yen or less per day per medical institution).

Necessary Items when obtaining a refund

- The Certificate of Eligibility For Medical Expenses for Children (formerly: Certificate of Eligibility For Medical Expenses for Infants and Children)
- The Health Insurance Certificate for the child who has been examined
- A bank book, etc. (to confirm the account number of the person whose name is shown on the Certificate of Eligibility For Medical Expenses for Children)
- A receipt (with the receipt amount, the name of the examinee, and the number of insurance points)
<For 100% payment items, medical equipment, or high-cost medical care>
- A 'Payment Decision Notice (※)' from the institution that issued your Health Insurance Certificate, which shows the amount of medical expenses to be refunded and the breakdown
- ※ Depending on the institution that issued your Health Insurance Certificate, the name may be different, such as 'Payment Certificate'.
- In addition, if you are combining amounts for the household, you will need to clearly indicate the breakdown for each person.
<For medical equipment>
- A doctor's medical certificate (opinion) and certificate of fitting
- * Depending on the content of the application, other documents may need to be submitted. Please enquire for details.

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