

# Financial Help for Newborn Hearing Tests

## Why a Newborn Hearing Check?

About 1 or 2 newborns per 1000 births will be deaf or hard of hearing. In such cases, early detection is very important for determining appropriate treatment, and for the child's linguistic and emotional development.

In order to detect and manage hearing-related disabilities early, as well as reduce the financial burden on parents, Oshu helps out with fees for the hearing test.

Please be sure to get a hearing test for your precious baby.



### 1 Eligibility

Babies with an Oshu address who have had a hearing test

### 2 Amount

Up to 2000 yen for the test is subsidized

### 3 How to Get Financial Help

#### <Getting a Hearing Test at an Affiliated Healthcare Center>

- (1) The city gives out hearing test tickets. Get one and fill out the necessary information, then show it to your healthcare provider.
- (2) If the test exceeds the subsidy limit (2000 yen) then it's the caregiver's responsibility to pay the remaining amount.

#### <Getting a Hearing Test at a Non-affiliated Healthcare Center>

- (1) Compensation will take place after the fact. After paying at your healthcare provider, apply for compensation at the relevant department (see below.) (You will need the receipt from the test, your unused newborn hearing test ticket, and a copy of your mother (parent)-child health handbook.
- (2) If the test exceeds the subsidy limit (2000 yen) then it's the caregiver's responsibility to pay the remaining amount.

#### Contact

• Oshu City Children and Health Division, Health Promotion Dept., Parent-Child Future Section (0197-34-2171)

• Esashi Gen. Branch Health and Welfare Group, Health Promotion Dept. (0197-34-2523)

• Maesawa Gen. Branch Citizen Welfare Group, Health Promotion Dept. (0197-34-0275)

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