

System for Pregnancy Healthcare Fee Assistance

Outline

This is a system to cover out-of-pocket fees for medical treatment that's covered by insurance in an Iwate healthcare center (hospital/pharmacy/etc.) if you show your health insurance card and healthcare fee certificate (benefits in kind.)

However, things that are not covered under insurance (fees for medicine containers, paperwork, vaccinations, etc.) and meal fees during inpatient care must be paid for.

Who is Eligible?

Pregnant people who live in Oshu, from the first day of their 5th month of pregnancy to the last day of the month after they give birth.

People that fall into either of the following categories are eligible for other forms of help, but not this one.

- 1) People receiving public assistance/welfare
- 2) People eligible for Disability Healthcare Fee Assistance or Single Parent Healthcare Fee Assistance

How to Get Your Certificate

Bring the following items and apply at the relevant counter at city hall.

You cannot apply after birth.

- 1) Parent-Child Health Handbook
- 2) Health insurance card
- 3) Savings account bankbook
- 4) Income tax certificate of the pregnant person and their spouse (※1) or My Number card (only for new arrivals. People who know their income tax information in Oshu and who have an income tax certificate from January 1st of the previous year with an Oshu city address do not need this.)

(※1) The year of the income tax certificate you must provide varies depending on the move-in date and the due date.

Move-in Day	Due Date	Income Tax Certificate Year	Where to Apply to Get Income Tax Certificate
January 2 nd , 2020 to July 31 st , 2021	Up till January 14 th , 2022	2020	At the municipal office of your residence as of January 1 st , 2020
January 2 nd , 2020 to July 31 st , 2021	January 15 th , 2022 and after	2021	At the municipal office of your residence as of January 1 st , 2021
August 1 st , 2021 onward	2021 income tax certificate required regardless of due date; get it at the municipal office of your residence as of January 1 st , 2021.		

When the Certificate Cannot Be Used

Healthcare fee certificates may not be used in the following situations.

1. When receiving treatment at a healthcare center outside of Iwate
2. When you can't show your health insurance card
3. At healthcare centers that don't take benefits in kind
4. When therapeutic orthoses are needed
5. When receiving treatment for illness or injury caused by a third party, such as a car accident

In cases 1-4, after paying you can apply for reimbursement at the relevant city hall office. See "When You Need to Apply for Reimbursement" for details.

Receiving Assistance

When Receiving Healthcare in Iwate (Benefits in Kind)

Present your health insurance card and healthcare recipient certificate at the front desk of the healthcare center. Out-of-pocket fees for treatments covered by insurance are fully subsidized, so there is no payment at the window. Costs that are not covered by insurance are not subsidized, and so must be paid for.

When You Need to Apply for Reimbursement

The following situations are not part of benefits in kind, but if you apply at the relevant city hall office, reimbursement by bank transfer is possible.

1. You didn't show your healthcare fee certificate
2. You received treatment at a healthcare center outside of Iwate
3. You received treatment at a healthcare center that doesn't take benefits in kind
4. You sought treatment for something covered by injury and accident mutual aid benefits,

and received treatment for some other illness/injury

5. Medical fees were fully (100%) out-of-pocket, or therapeutic orthoses were needed

What to Bring

- 1) Receipt showing care would be covered under insurance
- 2) Healthcare fee certificate
- 3) Health insurance card
- 4) Personal *hanko* seal
- 5) Any other healthcare fee certificates, if applicable
- 6) Notice of approval of distribution of funds from health insurance, if applicable

City Hall Offices

Main City Hall (Mizusawa) Health & Children's Dept. Health Promotion Section (0197-34-2902)

Esashi Gen. Branch Office Citizen Living Group (0197-34-2520)

Maesawa Gen. Branch Office Citizen Welfare Group (0197-34-0272)

Isawa Gen. Branch Office Citizen Living Group (0197-34-0318)

Koromogawa Branch Office Citizen Welfare Group (0197-34-2368)