

About supportive care for premature babies

“Supportive care for premature babies” here refers to the system to provide for medical fees for the hospital-based healthcare of babies born before they are full-term, according to the Mother and Child Health Act.

Who is Eligible?

Babies who live in Oshu and were born at less than 2,000 grams (4.4 lbs.), and are determined to need supportive care by a doctor. Applies to hospital care at certain healthcare centers.

Medical fees and meal fees are covered for the eligible, so there is no need for the applicant to pay at the medical center (excluding fees for things that are not covered by insurance, such as diapers and so on.)

However, depending on household income, out-of-pocket expenses for supportive care might be levied.

What Documents Are Required?

- 1) Supportive Care Provision Application
- 2) Written opinion from a doctor (by the primary care provider)
- 3) Household composition report (by the household’s primary earner)
- 4) Authorization statement (application for funds/authorization to provide)
- 5) Copy of health insurance card (of applicant or the household’s primary earner)
- 6) Documentation of amount of resident tax

※ People who are not recent arrivals to Oshu, and who consent for the city to check their tax records, may be exempt from submitting resident tax documentation.

※ Recent arrivals may submit approval for the usage of the information provision network system to allow confirmation of their tax information from their previous place of residence.

If You Are Selected

A Supportive Care Ticket will come in the mail; present it at the front desk/billing section of the healthcare center. You must apply at the medical facility in question, so if you change facilities and still need supportive care, please complete procedures to change your facility.

Procedures are also necessary if the contents of your application (insurance/address/etc.) change.

What About Out-of-Pocket Costs?

About 2 months after the healthcare center bills the city for the medical costs, the amount is confirmed.

However, any out-of-pocket costs may be covered under the city’s system to provide for the medical fees of babies and toddlers, if the applicant agrees to this (i.e. out-of-pocket fees may be waived.)

If the applicant consents, they must also submit an authorization statement for the provision of medical funds to babies and toddlers at the time of application.