

# Ginowan City NEWSLETTER

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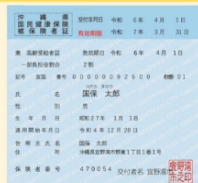
From December 2,  
2024

## Information about National Health Insurance and Medical Care System for 75 and over Health Insurance Card is changing to **My Number Insurance Card**

New insurance cards will not be issued after December 2, 2024. We are transitioning to a system where My Number cards will be double as insurance cards. Your health card information will be integrated into your My Number card.

The information you need to provide when visiting a hospital after December 2, 2024 is listed below.

### Current Health Insurance Card



### Information you need to provide when visiting a hospital

#### After December 2, 2024

1. If you have My Number Insurance Card ... My Number Insurance Card (\*1)
  2. If you do not have My Number Insurance Card ... Eligibility certificate
  3. If you have the old insurance card ... \*It will be valid till August 31, 2025.
- You can show any one of the above to receive medical care.
- (\*1) We will be sending you an "Eligibility Certificate" in August 2025. At hospitals that are unable to check your eligibility online, you can show this certificate along with your My Number card to receive medical care.

#### Points to Note

1. Your health insurance card will be linked with your My Number card for it to be valid as My Number Insurance Card.
  2. After December 2, 2024, eligibility certificates will be issued for new enrollments or to replace lost or damaged cards.
  3. For new enrollments and those who are already enrolled under the Medical Care System for 75 and over: After December 2, 2024, in case of a lost card, change of address, change in eligibility or out-of-pocket costs, a new "Eligibility Certificate" will be issued even if you do not have a My Number Insurance card.
- \*This will be implemented till the annual renewal period in August 2025.**

### You must register to use your My Number Card as you health insurance card

Scan the QR  
code for details



You can register as a user at any of following:

- Go to the first floor lobby at the Ginowan City Office (Weekdays: 9:00-17:00 \*closed between 12:00-13:00)
- My Number portal (You will need a smartphone that can read My Number card or a computer with an IC card reader.)
- Seven Bank ATM ● Reception of a healthcare facility or pharmacy

### Benefits of Using My Number Insurance Card



**1. You will receive the most suitable medical care on the basis of your stored data.**

Information about your past prescriptions and specific medical examinations will be accessible to your doctor and pharmacist to provide you with the most suitable medical care.

**2. You will not need to change your insurance card if you change your job or address.**

Changing or updating your insurance if you change in job or address, which was required till now, will no longer be necessary. \*New enrollments will need to submit the paperwork.

**3. You will not need to apply for exemption from payments that exceed the limit of high-cost medical care allowance**

You will be automatically exempt from payments that exceed the limit set under high-cost medical care system even if you don't have the limit application certificate.

### Cancelling Health Insurance feature from My Number Card

Registering your My Number card to double as health insurance is optional. You have the option of cancelling this feature at any time. Anyone who decides to cancel will be issued an "Eligibility Certificate", to be used in stead of the insurance card.

We will accept cancellation requests starting

October 28 (Mon) for Medical Care System for People Aged 75 and over

December 2 (Mon) for National Health Insurance members

@ Service Window #12, First Floor, Benefits Section/Medical Care System  
for People Aged 75 and over, National Health Insurance Division, Ginowan City Office

\*If you are enrolled with an insurance provider other than Ginowan City National Health Insurance (including Latter-stage Elderly Healthcare Insurance), please complete the cancellation procedure with your provider. Please contact your insurance provider for details. \*Please go to Ginowan City's homepage to access the application form for cancellation.

Contact: National Health Insurance Division 098-893-4411

Benefits Section Ext. 4226

Latter-stage Elderly Healthcare Section Ext. 4272

## How to Apply for Medical Care Support for Children and Medical Cost Support for Single Parents After the Discontinuation of Health Insurance Cards - Information from Child and Family Division

Health insurance cards will not be issued starting December 2, 2024. Those applying for medical care support for children or medical cost support for single parents can submit the following documents instead of health insurance card:

\*If you have not returned your health insurance card during the transition period and it is still valid, you can submit a copy of your health insurance card as before. (Please check with your medical insurance provider for details about the transition period.)

■ If you have not registered your child's My Number Card to double as their health insurance card

(1) Submit the Eligibility Certificate (issued by your medical insurance provider)

\*Depending on the insurance provider, the name of the guardian's name may not be listed on the child's eligibility certificate, so please also bring the eligibility certificate (or insurance card) of the insured guardian.

■ If you have registered your child's My Number Card to double as their health insurance card

(1) Submit a printout of the eligibility information screen on the My Number Portal

\*Please print a copy that shows the child's name, date of birth, insurance code and number, date of qualification, insured guardian's name, insurance provider's name, and insurance provider's number.

\*Click on this link to learn how to check your health insurance card information on My Number Portal: <https://img.myna.go.jp/manual/03-01/0169.html#spb-column-9>

(2) Or submit the eligibility information sent by your medical insurance provider (must include the insured guardian's name)

■ For more information, please check the city's website below: <https://www.city.ginowan.lg.jp/soshiki/fukushi/3/1/1/2/9333.html>

■ Contact

For Child Medical Expense Subsidy: Child and Family Division, ☎ 098-893-4641

For My Number Health Insurance Card: My Number General Toll Free Number, ☎ 0120-95-0178 (Select 5 from the voice menu)

## November 30th is *Pension Day*

Check your pension records, how much pension you can expect, and plan your future. With "Nenkin Net", you can check your pension records at any time from your computer or smartphone. For details, please visit the Japan Pension Service website <https://www.nenkin.go.jp/>

### ▶ National Pension when you turn 20

Students and unemployed people must also contribute towards national pension when they turn 20 years old. Please check the video clip (National Pension when you turn 20) @ <https://www.nenkin.go.jp/> to find out how to pay or how to apply for exemption if you have difficulty paying.

## Population as of October

TOTAL POPULATION	100,451 (-22)
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	48,120 (+27)
FOREIGN RESIDENTS	2081 (-3)
NATIONALITIES	56 (-1)

## Events

### GINOWAN CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET

▶ December 7, Saturday

▶ Venue: Tropical Beach, Centre Ground

☎ 098-897-2751

### LIVE GINOWAN 2024 - 30th Edition

Annual music event LIVE GINOWAN marks its 30th anniversary showcasing artists of all genres and age groups, from students to veterans.

▶ December 7, Saturday ▶ Doors open: 12:30

▶ Venue: Ginowan Civic Hall, Front Plaza

▶ Admission: Free \*Will be cancelled in case of bad weather

▶ Contact: Lifelong Learning Division, ☎ 098-893-4435

## Announcement by Okinawa Prefecture: Childrearing Household Life Support Project

Eligible households in Okinawa Prefecture will receive coupons that can be exchanged for milk and diapers to ease the burden of rising prices of baby products for childrearing families.

### Eligibility:

(A) Families with non-taxable income, receiving welfare or child support allowance, with children born between September 2, 2020 and September 1, 2024

(B) Families receiving medical assistance under the Specific Pediatric Chronic Disease Medical Fee Assistance Program

\*Please check Okinawa Prefecture's homepage for details.

**Enquiries:** Okinawa Childrearing and Lifestyle Support Reception, Childrearing and Lifestyle Support Consortium

**Dedicated Call Center** ☎ 0120-025-125 9:30-18:00 (Open on weekends and holidays)