

～ こども医療費助成の制度内容 ～

Children's Medical Expense Subsidy Program

What is the Children's Medical Expense Subsidy Program?

The Children's Medical Expense Subsidy Program subsidizes 20-30% of the cost of medical treatment covered by health insurance.

Who is eligible for coverage under this program?

Children who are enrolled in health insurance and who are currently living in Ginowan City. They are covered until their 3rd year of junior high school (until the first March 31st after turning 15 years of age). There are no income restrictions for this program.

However, the following children are not eligible:

- Children who are eligible to receive payments for their medical treatment based on other policies set forth by national or local governments
- Children who are receiving public welfare (*seikatsu hogo*)

How do I claim for this subsidy?

Method 1: Your doctor makes a claim for you (no payment is required from you)

Present both your health insurance card and your Children's Medical Expense Subsidy card at any hospital/clinic in the prefecture. You will not have to make any payment to receive medical services that are covered by health insurance.

*For high medical expenses, you will need to make an application for the subsidy for high cost medical expenses and receive an Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling Amount in advance. For details, please contact your health insurance provider.

**①Receive medical treatment ⇒②At the hospital/pharmacy, present your subsidy card (pink)
⇒③No payment is required from you (for treatments that are covered by health insurance)**

Method 2: Apply for reimbursement using a receipt

If you forgot to bring your subsidy card, received treatment at a hospital that cannot make a claim on behalf of the patient, or visited a hospital outside of Okinawa Prefecture, you can apply for reimbursement (refund) at the city office using a receipt.

*You cannot make a claim on the same month that you received treatment. You have two years from the month after the month of treatment to submit your claim.

*If you are claiming for a high medical expense, you may need to submit additional documents. We ask for your understanding and cooperation.

①Receive treatment at a hospital ⇒ ②Make payment and receive a receipt ⇒ ③Submit the receipt to the Children and Families Division ⇒ ④Refund will be deposited into your registered bank account on the 28th of the month following the month of application

What kinds of treatment are not covered by this subsidy?

- Medical examination and vaccinations not covered by health insurance
Ex.) Health checkups, vaccinations, fees for certificate of diagnosis, container for medication, diapers, etc.
- Initial consultation fee and cost of using a special room in a hospital with a certain number of beds
- Dietary therapy (meals) during hospitalization
- Injuries sustained at school (including at a nursery or kindergarten)
- Injuries caused by third parties such as by a traffic accident

Instances where you may be required to return the subsidy

After using your subsidy card at a hospital to receive full coverage, your health insurance provider may later reimburse you for the cost of treatment that was already paid for by the city. In that case, you must return the portion of subsidy that the city paid to the hospital on your behalf. When necessary, the city office will contact you to inform you of the details of the procedure. We kindly ask for your cooperation.

You must notify us when the following occurs:

1. Your health insurance provider changes
2. Your name or address changes
3. Your bank account information changes
4. You lost, soiled or damaged your subsidy card and require a reissuance

Regarding the proper use of hospitals

Non-urgent emergency room visits cause overcrowding and negatively impact the quality of care for urgent patients. Please consider using the following resources in times of need.

1. Emergency pediatric consultation hotline #8000
 - Nurses and doctors can advise you the best course of action for when your child becomes ill during the holidays or in the late hours of the night.
2. Pediatric Emergency Guide
 - A guide that you can reference to for when you are unsure whether you should bring your child to a hospital immediately. Available in Japanese only.

*Search for “沖縄県 子ども救急ハンドブック”

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