

# Child Medical Expenses Subsidy Guide



## 1. Eligibility and subsidy details

A child is eligible if they live in Sendai, are a third year student in junior high school or younger, and are enrolled in either occupation-based health insurance (all types of social insurance, national health insurance society, etc.) or National Health Insurance (hereafter referred to as Society-managed Health Insurance).

When visiting a medical institution, copayment of medical expenses will be partially subsidized. After subsidization, the amounts that must be paid at reception of medical institutions are as follows in the table below.

**[Table]**

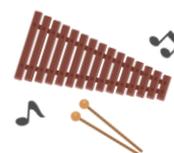
Eligible Ages	Outpatient	Inpatient
Age 0 to before entering school (End of fiscal year that child turns 6 years old)	Free	
1 <sup>st</sup> year elementary – 3 <sup>rd</sup> year junior high school (End of fiscal year that child turns 15 years old)	First visit 500 yen Additional visits free	500 yen per day ★

- ※ In the event that the High-cost Medical Expense Benefit was provided by Society-managed Health Insurance, that amount will be subtracted from the subsidy.
- ※ Health checkups, inoculations, paperwork costs for medical certificates, fees for medicine containers, or other expenses not applicable to health insurance will not be covered by this subsidy.
- ※ Copayment food costs (standard copayment expenses for food and nutrition fees), additional bed fees, and other expenses incurred while hospitalized will not be covered by this subsidy.
- ★ 500 yen per day for up to 10 days must be paid per single hospitalization. The 11<sup>th</sup> day and onwards will be free of charge. However, a copayment may be incurred if there is the possibility of High-cost Medical Expenses occurring as medical costs become more expensive. Please see “7. When medical expenses become expensive” for details.

## 2. Situations where the subsidy cannot be claimed

The subsidy cannot be claimed if the guardian’s income exceeds the income restriction amount listed on the “Income Limit Table,” or is receiving social welfare.

- ※ **Even in instances where the subsidy cannot be claimed due to income exceeding the income restriction amount, it is still recommended to apply for qualification registration as the guardian’s income will be reviewed and results announced at the end of September every year until their child graduates from junior high school if registration has been completed just once.**
- ※ Income restrictions may be relaxed by making a claim, only in instances where livelihood has become difficult due to special circumstances such as a disaster.



## **【Income Limit Table】**

Those who begin receiving the subsidy from January to September will be judged based on their income situation during the year 2 years prior, and those receiving it from October to December will be based on the year 1 year prior.

<b>Number of Dependents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 and more</b>
<b>Income Limit (yen)</b>	6.22 million	6.60 million	6.98 million	7.36 million	increase 380,000 /one dependent

- ◎ Income limit is judged not by the total income of household but of each guardian individually.
- ◎ What is Income: In the case of salaried income, this is the remaining amount after fixed-ratio deduction amount is subtracted from the total yearly earnings of salary and bonuses etc. 【The amount after deductions from income: (post deduction adjustment)】
- ◎ The number of dependents is defined as the total sum of the spouse, with shared household expenses and dependent family members based on local tax laws.
- ◎ The following will be deducted from income.
  - 80,000 yen (fixed amount) social insurance premiums equivalent
  - 100,000 yen when having salary income or other income such as public pension benefits
  - 60,000 yen per dependent elder (aged 70 and older) or spouse aged 70 and older with shared household expenses (dependent elders 70 and older)
  - The same amount as deductions such as for casualty losses or medical expenses that are received
  - Fixed-amount deductions etc. if guardian themselves or any dependent receives deductions for a person with disability, widow, or unmarried single parent
- ◎ Since October 2021, the base amount for the income limit has been raised by 900,000 yen.

## **3. Qualification registration process**

In order to receive the subsidy from the day a child is born or moves into Sendai City, the qualification registration process must be done at the Childcare and Benefit Section of ward offices or the Public Health and Welfare Section of general branch offices (hereafter “Section in Charge”) within 30 days of the said day.

Additionally, the process is possible **even in the case that some of the required documents are not prepared**. Please submit only the “Child Medical Expenses Qualification Registration Application” beforehand. Other required documents can then be submitted after being prepared.

- ※ **In the case of applying after 30 days have already passed, please be aware that the subsidy may not be provided for a period of time as registration will be from the 1st day of the month of application.**
- ※ **The recipient of the Child Medical Expenses Subsidy must be the guardian providing insurance for the child.** As a general rule, if the child is supported with insurance by someone other than their guardian, a guardian with higher income will receive the subsidy.
- ※ **The application process can be done by mail. Please mail required documents to the Section in Charge. The date of mailing receipt at the Section in Charge (limited to business days) will be the date of application.**

## **【Required documents and other materials】**

- ① **Child Medical Expenses Qualification Registration Application**  
Distributed at Sections in Charge and can also be downloaded from the City of Sendai website.
- ② **Copy of eligible child's health insurance card**  
Application possible even in cases where a child has just been born and their health insurance card has not been issued yet.
- ③ **Document which shows recipient's bank account (bankbook, etc.)**  
Bank account information is recorded so that the subsidy can be deposited in cases when a copayment is paid, such as when visiting a medical institution outside of the prefecture.



#### ④ Confirmation Documents for 'My Number' (Individual Number) and Identification

Confirmation documents for	Required person	Required documents
My Number	Recipient Spouse Eligible Child	My Number card, residence record, etc.
Personal identification	Applicant	One photo ID (My Number card, driver's license, passport, etc.) or Two items of IDs if without a photo (health insurance card, pension book, etc.)

Please inquire at the Section in Charge if you do not possess these documents.

#### ⑤ Letter of consent and income certificate

In the case that the recipient or spouse resided outside of the City of Sendai on January 1 of the previous year (or of the current year if receiving the subsidy from October to December), a letter of consent for the use of My Number or an income certificate issued by the municipality of previous residence must be submitted.

- ※ The signature of the recipient or spouse who uses the My Number is required on the letter of consent. The form is distributed by the Section in Charge and can also be downloaded from the city website.
- ※ Those who start receiving the subsidy from June to September may be required to provide 2 years' worth of income certificates (from the previous two years).

### 4. Results of qualification registration

Income will be reviewed after applying for qualification registration. Notification will be sent as follows: "Recipient Certificate" to those whose incomes are under the Income Limit, or "Notice of Payment Suspension" to those whose incomes exceed the Limit. Society-managed Health Insurance may sometimes require submission of the Notice of Payment Suspension, so please keep it in a safe place.

### 5. When visiting a medical institution

**Please present the Recipient Certificate and Health Insurance Card at the reception of medical institutions.**

Prior to submitting a subsidy application to the Section in Charge (See "6. Subsidy Application Method" for details), please make payment accordingly to medical institutions as follows: copayment (20 or 30 percent of the medical expenses) when any of ① to ③ listed below applies to you, or the full amount of expenses in the case of ④ or ⑤. The subsidy payment will be transferred to the registered bank account at a later date.

- ① When visiting a medical institution outside of the prefecture
- ② When the Recipient Certificate was not presented to the reception of medical institution
- ③ When visiting a medical institution which does not handle the Child Medical Expenses Subsidy
- ④ When the health insurance card was not presented
- ⑤ When a therapy device was created

※For those who are enrolled in the National Health Insurance of Sendai City, the subsidy payment for expenses up to December 2021 is transferred to the registered bank account automatically without applying. Expenses incurred from January 2022 or after will require procedures to be completed.

### 6. Subsidy Application Method

When any of ① to ⑤ listed in No.5 above applies to you, please submit the "Child Medical Expenses Subsidy Application" and necessary documents listed below to the section in charge. The subsidy payment will be transferred to the registered bank account at a later date. The process can also be done by mail. You can obtain the "Child Medical Expenses Subsidy Application" at sections in charge or download it from the website of the city.

Necessary items

●When visiting a medical institution and a health insurance card is presented (in the case of ① to ③ listed above in No.5)

- Receipt (which has patient name, health insurance points, and paid amount)

●When visiting a medical institution and a health insurance card is NOT presented (in the case of ④ listed above in No.5)

- Notice of finalized payment of medical fees (issued by Society-managed Health Insurance; the notice's name differs depending on the provider)

- Copy of receipt (which has patient name, health insurance points, and paid amount)

● **When a therapy device was created (in the case of ⑤ listed above in No.5)**

- Notice of finalized payment of medical fees (issued by Society-managed Health Insurance; the notice's name differs depending on the provider)
- Copy of receipt (which has patient name, and paid amount)
- Copy of medical certificate (directions to create a therapy device)
- ※ In the case that ④ or ⑤ in the above No. 5 applies to you, the Child Medical Expenses Subsidy will be provided once it is confirmed that health insurance is applicable. Please apply to Society-managed Health Insurance for the medical cost subsidy first, then apply for the Child Medical Expenses Subsidy after that the payment will be subsidized has been confirmed. Also, please prepare copies of receipts and medical certificates (directions to create a therapy device) before submitting them to Society-managed Health Insurance.

## **7. When medical expenses become high**

By presenting the “Recipient Certificate” and “Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application” to the reception of a medical institution, the copayment to be paid at reception will be the amount after subsidization.

If the “Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application” is not presented, you have to bear the whole amount of High-cost Medical Expenses at the reception. (These payments for the expenses can be refunded at a later date by making a claim for High-cost Medical Expenses payment to your Society-managed Health Insurance.)

**We recommend you receive a “Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application” from Society-managed Health Insurance beforehand if the medical expenses are expected to be high.**

## **8. Recipient Certificate Renewal**

Recipient Certificate expires at the end of every September. Applicant's Income will be reviewed, and either a “Recipient Certificate” or a “Notice of Payment Suspension” will be mailed in late September.

Please submit necessary documents by the deadline since you will be requested by mail when your income cannot be confirmed.

## **9. Notifying a change or loss of qualification**

A change or loss of qualification needs to be notified when the following applies. Notifying is required for:

● **A change**

A change in address, name, enrolled health insurance, bank account for deposit, situation for recipient or spouse (marriage, divorce, etc.), etc.

● **A loss of qualification**

The child will move outside of Sendai, or start receiving social welfare payments, etc.

※ **The Recipient Certificate cannot be used from the day of loss of qualification. Please be aware that if the Recipient Certificate is used and the subsidy is provided after the loss of qualification, the subsidy must be paid back.**



## 10. Sections in Charge (Inquiries, qualification registration, etc.)

	Address	Main Telephone Number
Child-rearing and Benefit Subsection, Childcare and Benefit Section, Aoba Ward Office	Kamisugi 1-5-1, Aoba-ku, Sendai, 980-8701	022-225-7211
Childcare and Benefit Subsection, Public Health and Welfare Section, Aoba Ward Miyagi General Branch Office	Kannondo 5, Shimo-ayashi, Aoba-ku, Sendai, 989-3125	022-392-2111
Child-rearing and Benefit Subsection, Childcare and Benefit Section, Miyagino Ward Office	Gorin 2-12-35, Miyagino-ku, Sendai, 983-8601	022-291-2111
Child-rearing and Benefit Subsection, Childcare and Benefit Section, Wakabayashi Ward Office	Hoshuninmae-cho 3-1, Wakabayashi-ku, Sendai, 984-8601	022-282-1111
Child-rearing and Benefit Subsection, Childcare and Benefit Section, Taihaku Ward Office	Nagamachi-minami 3-1-15, Taihaku-ku, Sendai, 982-8601	022-247-1111
Welfare Subsection, Public Health and Welfare Section, Akiu General Branch Office, Taihaku Ward	Akiomachi, Nagafukuro Aza Daihara 45-1, Taihaku-ku, Sendai, 982-0243	022-399-2111
Child-rearing and Benefit Subsection, Childcare and Benefit Section, Izumi Ward Office	Izumi-chuo 2-1-1, Izumi-ku, Sendai, 981-3189	022-372-3111

