

Child Medical Expenses Subsidy Guide



1. Eligibility and subsidy details

【Eligibility criteria】

A child who is applicable to the following conditions:

- Sendai resident
 - * Including those who are enrolled in National Health Insurance (NHI) in Sendai and attending school outside of Sendai
- Until the first March 31 after the child reaches the age of 18
- Those who are enrolled in either occupation-based health insurance (all types of social insurance, national health insurance society, etc.) or NHI (hereafter referred to as Society-managed Health Insurance).
- * **Welfare recipients are not eligible.**

【Applicable medical fees】

When visiting a medical institution, **copayments of medical expenses, to which health insurance applies**, will be subsidized.

* In the event that the High-cost Medical Expense Benefit is provided by Society-managed Health Insurance, that amount will be subtracted from the subsidy.

* However, one may be required to pay a copayment equivalent to the High-cost Medical Expense Subsidy if the medical costs become more expensive. Please see “5. When medical expenses become expensive” for details.

【Non-applicable medical fees】

- Medical fees that are not covered by health insurance (e.g. expenses such as health checkups, vaccinations, paperwork costs for medical certificates, fees for medicine containers, and other medical expenses)
- Copayment food costs (standard copayment expenses for food and nutrition fees), additional bed fees, and other expenses incurred while hospitalized

【Recipients of this subsidy】

The recipient of the Child Medical Expenses Subsidy must be the guardian supporting the child with insurance. If the child is supported with insurance by an individual other than their guardian, as a rule, the guardian with higher income will be the recipient.



2. Qualification registration

To receive this subsidy, you must complete the procedures for qualification registration. Please prepare the required documents and complete the procedures by any of the methods listed below.

【How to make an application】

- Submit application in person to the section in charge at your local ward office or general branch office
- Mail application to the section in charge (Include copies of documents No. 2 to 5 listed below)
- Electronic application via smartphone or PC
(For further information, visit the official website of the City of Sendai)

Electronic Application
(Official website of the City of Sendai)



【Documents to be submitted】

▼ Necessary documents

	Necessary documents	Examples of materials	Explanation
1.	Application to Register for Child Medical Expenses Subsidy Qualification		Distributed at Sections in Charge and can also be downloaded from the official website of the City of Sendai
2.	Document showing insurance information of the eligible child	Any of the following: • Health Insurance Eligibility Certificate • Health Insurance Eligibility Information Notice (including that of the guardian supporting the child with insurance.) • a copy of Health Insurance Eligibility Information on Mynaportal	If a child has just been born and their health insurance card has not been issued yet, please submit it at a later date.
3.	Document showing recipient's bank account	Any of the following: • bankbook • cash card • a copy of both the front and back page of a WEB bankbook	Bank account information is recorded so that the subsidy can be deposited

▼ Required documents for those to whom the following apply

- The eligible child is pre-school age (unless the child is already subsidized for their medical expenses)
- The recipient or their spouse resided outside of Sendai City as of January 1 of the previous year (or of the current year if an application is submitted from October to December)

	Necessary documents	Person required	Material examples
4.	Confirmation document for My Number	Recipient, Spouse	My Number card, copy of resident record, etc.
5.	Confirmation document for personal identification	Applicant	One form of photo ID (My Number card, driver's license, passport, etc.) or Two forms of ID without a photo (health insurance card, pension book, etc.)

【Extra notes】

- * Please inquire at the Section in Charge if you do not possess these documents.
- * Other documents aside from those listed above may be required depending on your family status or other reasons.

3. Issuance of Recipient Certificate

The submitted documents will be screened after one applies for qualification registration, and the Recipient Certificate of Child Medical Expenses Subsidy will be issued at a later date.

○ In the case that the child is subsidized by another municipality

In order for the child medical expenses subsidy of the City of Sendai to be provided, the applicant must notify the other municipality of a loss of qualification.

* The medical expenses subsidy cannot be provided by more than one municipality. If one receives subsidies from any other municipality in addition to the City of Sendai, the amount received must be repaid.

4. When visiting a medical institution

Please present the items listed below at the reception of the medical institution.

• **Recipient Certificate of Child Medical Expenses Subsidy**

• **MyNA Health Insurance Card, Health Insurance Eligibility Certificate, etc.**

As a basic rule, payment at medical institutions is not required.

However, if the situations outlined below in No.1 to 3 apply to you, please pay the expenses stated below to the medical institution, and then submit a subsidy application at a later date.

【When submission of a subsidy application is required】

In the following cases, please pay the payment amount stated below to the medical institution, and then submit a subsidy application at a later date. The subsidy will be deposited into the registered bank account after the application is received.

	Examples	Payment amount	Necessary documents
1.	When: • Visiting a medical institution located outside of Miyagi Prefecture • The Recipient Certificate was not presented to the reception of the medical institution • Visiting a medical institution which does not handle the Child Care Medical Expenses Subsidy	The copayment amount of treatment covered under health insurance (20 or 30 percent of the medical expenses)	• A copy of the receipt *1
2.	When the health insurance card or equivalent was not presented	The full amount of expenses	• A copy of the receipt *1 • Notice of finalized payment of medical expenses subsidy *2
3.	When a therapeutic device was created	The full amount of expenses	• A copy of the receipt *1 • Notice of finalized payment of medical expenses subsidy *2 • A copy of the medical certificate (or a copy of instruction document)

*1 Receipt which states the name of the patient, their health insurance points, and the amount paid

*2 Notice of finalized payment of medical expenses subsidy, which is issued by Society-managed Health Insurance; the name of which differs depending on the provider.

【How to apply】

• **Submit the necessary documents stated above with the application form for the Child Medical Expenses Subsidy to the section in charge.**

• Submission of applications via mail is also acceptable.

• The application form is distributed at Sections in Charge and can also be downloaded from the City of Sendai website.

●Notes

• If No. 2 or 3 (stated above) apply to you, the subsidy will be provided after it is confirmed that health insurance is applicable.

Please apply to Society-managed Health Insurance for the medical expenses, followed by an application for the Child Medical Expenses Subsidy after the insurance coverage has been determined.

• In addition, please make sure to prepare copies of any receipts or medical certificates before submitting the originals to Society-managed Health Insurance.

5. When medical expenses become expensive

In cases where medical expenses become expensive, the method of payment at medical institutions will differ depending on the health insurance you are enrolled in.

【When an Eligibility Certificate is required.】

Those to whom the following apply and who do not present an “**Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application**” at medical institutions must pay the equivalent amount of High-cost medical expenses at the reception. The medical expenses paid will be subsidized by applying to your Society-managed Health Insurance.

- Those who are enrolled in the NHI Association (excluding No.3 stated below)

【When an Eligibility Certificate is NOT required】

The copayment amount for those to whom the following apply will not be the equivalent amount of High-cost medical expenses even without an “**Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application.**”

Those who are enrolled in:

1. the NHI of any municipality in Miyagi Prefecture
2. social health insurance (such as the NHI Association or business insurance)
3. the Society-managed Health Insurance such as that for Construction Workers of Miyagi Prefecture, Japan Civil Engineering and Construction Industry, Doctors of Miyagi Prefecture, or Dental Cre Professionals of Miyagi Prefecture

【Recommended preparation】

We recommend that you acquire a “**Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application**” from **Society-managed Health Insurance** beforehand if medical expenses are expected to be expensive. (There may be cases where users of MyNA Insurance Card do not need to present the certificate. Please inquire with your Society-managed Health Insurance provider for further information.)

6. Notifying about a change or loss of qualification

A change or loss of qualification must be notified in the following cases:

- **Change of information:** A change in address, name, enrolled health insurance, bank account for deposit, situation of recipient or spouse (marriage, divorce, etc.), etc.
- **Loss of qualification:** When the child will move outside of Sendai, start receiving social welfare payments, or enroll in a welfare facility etc.

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

7. Sections in charge (Contacts for inquiries and qualification registration, etc.)

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

【Other subsidy】

- **Medical Expenses Subsidy for Single Parent Households** (※ There is an income limitation for guardians and individuals obligated to support a child, living together with the child.)

For single parents living in Sendai City who are raising a child, this subsidy is to partially cover the medical expense copayment for treatment within health insurance for their child until the first March 31 after the child reaches the age of 18. The application must be submitted by a guardian. Individuals in common-law marriage are not eligible.