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Children's Medical Expense Subsidies for Doctor Visits

こども医療費補助制度を拡充します 「ひろしま市民と市政」 9月15日号 (P3)

Beginning January 2025, the age of those who are able to receive Children's Medical Expense Subsidies for doctor visits will be raised from up to year six elementary school students to up to year three junior high school students. The City of Hiroshima will issue a new Children's Medical Expenses Recipient Card to those who meet this criterion in late December 2024.

This is an income limited service. If the combined income of parent/guardian's exceeds the income limit, they will not be eligible for this subsidy. However if their income has been decreased and currently meet the income limit criterion, they will become eligible for the subsidy. For those people application is required, so consult with the relevant office.



Eligibility

Alterations:

| | Until December 2024 | From January 2025 |
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| Subsidies for hospitalization | Up to year three junior high school students | Up to year three junior high school students |
| Subsidies for doctor visits | Up to year six elementary school students | Up to year three junior high school students |

Parents/guardians whose children fall under all of the conditions below are eligible:

- 1) Reside in Hiroshima city
- 2) Children who are enrolled in health insurance and their age is up to year three in junior high school

Notes:

Parents/guardians under any of below circumstances are not eligible:

- ▶ Their income exceeds the income limit
- ▶ Receiving public welfare, Medical Expenses Subsidies for Severely Mentally and Physically Disabled Persons, or Medical Expense Subsidies for Single-Parent Households.

How can we receive the subsidies?

Present your health insurance card and Children's Medical Expenses Recipient Card issued by the City of Hiroshima at the payment counter of medical institutions in Hiroshima Prefecture.

Note: You must pay the full copayment amount at the payment counter of the medical institution when your child receive healthcare outside of Hiroshima Prefecture or before obtaining a Medical Expenses Recipient Card. You will receive a reimbursement at a later date.

How to apply for the Children's Medical Expenses Recipient Card

Parents/guardians should submit a Children's Medical Expense Qualification Application and health insurance card (with their child's name) to the Welfare Division (*Fukushi Ka*) of their local ward or branch office

Note: If the parent/guardian has moved into Hiroshima City and their Resident Record is still outside of Hiroshima City, they will need to provide documentation that confirms their Individual Number, such as their My Number Card (Individual Number Card) or their Resident Record with their Individual Number on it and proof of ID (driver's license, passport, etc.).

Inquiries:

For more information about the Children's Medical Expense Subsidy, please check or inquire at

■ Website

The City of Hiroshima's official website: <https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/english/3240.html>

■ Health Insurance & National Pension Division (*Hoken Nenkin Ka*) Tel. 082-504-2158