

About Medical Services and Support for People with Disabilities

(for mental clinic)

The Medical Services and Support for People with Disabilities program is one of the public medical fund's financial assistance systems which were founded of Act on Support for Self-sufficient living of People with Disabilities.

【Co-pay】

As a rule, the patient must make a co-payment of 10% of the whole medical expenses, but this co-payment will have a limit set on each month as an income may change monthly. Also, the co-pay may not apply depending on the grand total of the municipal inhabitant's tax (per income levy).

Family receiving public assistance	Families exempto of the municipal inhabitant's tax		Families that pay the municipal inhabitant's tax (per income levy)		
	An income of less than 800,000 yen	An income of more than 800,000 yen	33,000 yen (Medium income family 1)	More than 33,000 yen Less than 235,000 yen (Medium income family 2)	More than 235,000 yen
0 yen	10% of medical expenses	10% of medical expenses	10% of medical expenses * 1		Ineligible
	Monthly co-pay limit	Monthly co-pay limit	The patient continues to have medical care at high costs (Heavy and continuous) * 2		
	2,500 yen	5,000 yen	Monthly co-pay limit 5,000 yen	Monthly co-pay limit 10,000 yen	Monthly co-pay limit 20,000 yen

- ☆ The municipal inhabitant's tax will be calculated with the income of 2 years ago if applied until June or with the income of last year if applied after July.
- ☆ “Mental Services and Support for People with Disabilities Treatment Care Pass”(for mental hospitals) can be used only at the determined medical institutions and pharmacies.
When consulting the doctor, the “Mental Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities Treatment Care Pass” (for mental hospitals) needs to be submitted, and the amount of the co-payment must be shown as having a limit in the administration table.
- ☆ The system can not be used for accidents and sickness (colds or injuries) which are not mental illness-related.
- ☆ The validity period is 1 year. If extension is necessary, re-authorization procedures can be started 3 months in advance of the expiry. Please start the process as early as possible as the whole procedure may take up to 3 months to be done.

- ☆ If the medical institution or pharmacy on the Pass needs to be changed, this has to be declared first, so it can be used after authorization.

【Necessary things to apply】

- An Application Form for Medical Services and Support for People with Disabilities-supply (The application will be filled out at the reception in the ward office.)
- A Doctor's Certificate for Medical Services and Support for People with Disabilities (issued for mental hospital).
- Health Insurance Card
- Personal seal
- A Certificate of Taxation with Municipal Inhabitant's Tax of the Previous Year
(If the patient has moved into the city by January of the applying year, they do not need the certificate since they have written a letter of consent for a tax situation study when filling the application. However, a patient who has moved from outside the city needs the certificate.)
- Consent form, etc (For those receiving multiple high cost medical support.)
- Depending on the income classification, (Low income 1, Low income 2) the applicant may need to submit proof of pension for handicapped etc to prove the amount of pension that they have saved.
- * If you apply for a mental disability certificate at the same time, please contact the local government office as the necessary documents may change.

【Necessary things to re-apply】

- An Application Form for Medical Services and Support for People with Disabilities. (The application will be filled out at the reception in the ward office.)
- A Doctor's Certificate for Medical Services and Support for People with Disabilities (issued for mental clinic).
 - * The medical certificate should be submitted once every 2 years If previously submitted, normally, it will not be necessary. However, submitting will be necessary again as courses of treatment are changed. Also, written assessment establishing that the patient's state is "heavy and continuous" may be necessary, regardless of the contents of the previously submitted doctor's certificate even if its submitting is unnecessary in the 2nd year.
- Health Insurance
- Seal
- A Certificate of Taxation with Municipal Inhabitant's Tax of the Previous Year
- Consent form, etc (For those receiving multiple high cost medical support.)
- Depending on the income classification, (Low income 1, Low income 2) the applicant may need to submit proof of pension for handicapped etc to prove the amount of pension that they have saved.

【Place to contact】 Local Government Offices.

