

Child Medical Expenses Subsidy Guide



1. Eligibility and subsidy details

A child is eligible if they live in Sendai, is a third year student in junior high school or younger, and is 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. However, if the eligible child receives welfare payment, this subsidy is not applicable.

[Partial Copayment Table]

Eligible Ages	Outpatient	Inpatient
Age 0 to before entering school (End of fiscal year when the child turns 6 years old)	Free	
1 st year elementary – 3 rd year junior high school (End of fiscal year when the child turns 15 years old)	First visit 500 yen Following visits free	500 yen per day for up to 10 days 11th day and onwards: Free

- ※ 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, vaccinations, paperwork costs for medical certificates, fees for medicine containers, and 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.
- ※ 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.



2. Results of qualification registration

Please prepare the required documents as listed below and promptly complete the procedures for qualification registration at the Childcare and Benefit Section of ward offices or the Public Health or Welfare Section of general branch offices (hereafter “Sections in Charge”). The procedure can also be done via mail.

- ※ **Recipient of Child Medical Expenses Subsidy must be the guardian supporting the child with insurance.** As a general rule, if the child is supported with insurance by an individual other than their guardian, the guardian with higher income will be the recipient.

[Required documents and other materials]

① **Application to Register for Child Medical Expenses Subsidy Qualification**

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**

If a child has just been born and their health insurance card has not been issued yet, please submit it at a later time.

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**

[Only if the eligible child is pre-school age]

The following documents must be submitted in the case that the recipient or spouse resided outside of Sendai City as of January 1 of the previous year (or of the current year if receiving the subsidy from October to December),



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

- ※ Please inquire at the Sections in Charge if you do not possess these documents.
- ※ Please submit copies of the documents if the application is made by mail.
- ※ There is no need to submit copies of the My Number confirmation documents if the pre-school age child has already received the medical expenses subsidy.

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.

The period of validity of the Recipient Certificate of Child Medical Expenses Subsidy is as follows.

Age of eligibility	Period of validity of the Recipient Certificate
Pre-school age children (from age 0 to the end of fiscal year when the child turns 6 years old)	From the date of certification to the first March 31 after the child turns 6 years old
School children (fiscal year when the child turns 7 years old to the first March 31 after the child turns 15 years old)	From the date of certification to the first March 31 after the child turns 15 years old

- ※ In regard to pre-school age children, the recipient certificate which can be used starting from April (Certification from April 1 of the enrollment of elementary school to the first March 31 after the child turns 15 years old) is mailed in March of the year when a child is scheduled to enroll in an elementary school.

4. When visiting a medical institution

Please present the Recipient Certificate of Child Medical Expenses Subsidy and Health Insurance Card at the reception of medical institutions.

However, if the situations outlined in ① apply to you, please pay the copayment amount of treatment within health insurance (20 or 30 percent of the medical expenses) or the full amount of expenses in the case of ② or ③ to medical institutions, and then submit a subsidy application with the required documents listed below to the Sections in Charge. The subsidy payment will be deposited 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 official website of the city of Sendai.

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- **When visiting a medical institution located outside of the prefecture**
 - **When the Recipient Certificate was not presented to the reception of medical institution**
 - **When visiting a medical institution which does not handle the Child Medical Expenses Subsidy**
 - **When enrolled in National Health Insurance of any municipality outside of Miyagi Prefecture**

[Required documents]

- Receipt (which states the name of the patient, health insurance points, and the amount paid)

- ② **When the health insurance card was not presented**

[Required documents]

- Notice of finalized payment of medical fees (issued by Society-managed Health Insurance; name of the notice differs depending on the provider)
- A copy of the receipt (which states the name of the patient, health insurance points, and the amount paid)

- ③ **When a therapeutic device was made**

[Required documents]

- Notice of finalized payment of medical fees (issued by Society-managed Health Insurance; name of the notice differs depending on the provider)
- A copy of the receipt (which states the name of the patient and the amount paid)
- A copy of the medical certificate (directions to make a therapy device)

※ In the case that ② or ③ as stated above applies to you, the subsidy will be provided once it is confirmed that health insurance is applicable. Please first apply to Society-managed Health Insurance for the medical cost, then apply for the Child Medical Expenses Subsidy after coverage by the insurance has been determined.

In addition, regarding the receipts and medical certificates (directions to make a therapeutic device), please prepare copies of those before submitting the originals to Society-managed Health Insurance.

5. When medical expenses become expensive

If the “Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application” (issued by the Society-managed Health Insurance in which you are enrolled) is not presented, you have to bear the equivalent amount of High-cost Medical Expenses at the reception if enrolled in Society-managed Health Insurance (excluding the Society-managed Health Insurance for Construction Workers of Miyagi Prefecture, Japan Civil Engineering and Construction Industry, Doctors of Miyagi Prefecture, Dental Care Professionals of Miyagi Prefecture). (These payments 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 that you acquire a “Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application” from Society-managed Health Insurance beforehand if medical expenses are expected to be expensive.

※For those enrolled in the National Health Insurance of any municipality in Miyagi Prefecture, or social health insurance (such as the National Health Insurance Association or business insurance), the payment for the expenses will be the amount shown on the partial copayment table in page 1 even without presenting the “Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application.”

6. Notifying a change or loss of qualification

A change or loss of qualification must to be notified for the following:

● 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

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 repaid.

7. Sections in charge (Inquiries, qualification registration, etc.)

	Address	Telephone Number (Representative)
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, Miyagi General Branch Office, Aoba Ward	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	Akiu-machi, Nagafukuro 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

【Other subsidies and allowances】

- **Child-rearing Support Benefit**

This benefit is granted to guardians who are raising a child born on or after April 1, 2022, and was interviewed by a consultant or nurse at the time of Hello Baby Visit (new born baby visit one or two months after childbirth). The application deadline is the last day of the third month from the date of your post-natal Hello Baby Visit (the date when you received guidance on the benefit)

Guidance for the application method will be done during the interview. In the case that a Japanese national gave birth overseas and returned to Japan, eligibility might be possible if one were to have an interview before the child turns 3 years old.

Inquiries: Children's Health and Welfare Section, Children and Young People Bureau (TEL: 022-214-2134)

- **Child Allowance** (※ There is an income limitation for guardians.)

This allowance is granted to those who are raising a child, until the first March 31 after the child reaches the age of 15. A person who provides their livelihood expenses among guardians needs to apply at the municipality office where their resident record is registered. In the case that the guardian is a government employee, they can submit the application to their work place instead.

Inquiries: Childcare and Benefit Section of each Ward Office, or Public Health and Welfare Section of each General Branch Office (TEL: Please refer to the list above)

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

This subsidy is granted to single parents living in Sendai City who are raising a child, until the first March 31 after the child reaches the age of 18, in order to partially cover the medical expense copayment for treatment within health insurance. The guardian needs to submit an application. Individuals in common-law marriage are not eligible.

Inquiries: Childcare and Benefit Section of each Ward Office, or Public Health and Welfare Section of each General Branch Office (TEL: Please refer to the list above)

- **Child-rearing Allowance** (※ There is an income limitation for guardians and individuals obligated to provide child support living together with the child.)

This subsidy is granted to single parents with guardianship of a child, until the first March 31 after the child reaches the age of 18 (Or under the age of 20 only if the child has a disability within an extent designated by government ordinance). The guardian needs to submit an application. Individuals in common-law marriage are not eligible.

Inquiries: Childcare and Benefit Section of each Ward Office, or Public Health and Welfare Section of each General Branch Office (TEL: Please refer to the list above)

- **Special Child-rearing Allowance**

This subsidy is granted to single parents with guardianship of a child under the age of 20 who has a physical or mental disability that is of moderate or greater extent of impairment. The guardian providing livelihood expenses need to apply at the municipality office where their resident record is registered.

Inquiries: Childcare and Benefit Section of each Ward Office, or Public Health and Welfare Section of each General Branch Office (TEL: Please refer to the list above)