

Medical fees and public medical insurance

Japanese public medical insurance

In Japan, every citizen has an obligation to be covered by a public medical insurance in accordance with the universal healthcare system.

There are 3 types of public medical insurance: the health insurance which one joins at one's place of employment, the National Health Insurance and the Late-stage medical care system for the elderly which one joins through the city, ward, town or village office where one lives.

Being covered by medical insurance of a private insurance company is not a reason not to join a public medical insurance system.

If you are covered by public medical insurance, you must pay insurance premiums. However, if you become ill or have an injury, you generally need only pay 30% of the medical fees. (As for the Late-state medical care system for the elderly, the rate is 10%, 20% or 30%). You can also receive a refund after paying fees for childbirth or expensive medical treatment.

If you require medical treatment but do not have medical insurance, you must pay the full amount of the bill that can sometimes be very expensive.

Nishinomiya City's Medical Treatment Support System

In Nishinomiya city, when health insurance is used, a part or all of an individual's burden of medical expenses incurred is supported for the following people: elderly persons, infants, children, persons with disabilities, mother-child (father-child) families and orphans. Income limit conditions etc. apply.

Enquiries and Applications

Nishinomiya City Hall, Medical Aid and Pension Division (Iryo Nenkin Ka) 0798-35-3131

If one is diagnosed as having specified intractable illness and fulfills the standard stated by the Japanese government, the medical expenses for the disease treatment will be subsidized by Hyogo Prefecture. In order to use this system, an application is necessary.

Enquiries

Nishinomiya City Health Center, Health Care and Disease Prevention Division (Hoken Yobo Ka)
0798-26-3669

Note For details, ask a person who understands Japanese to enquire for you.