

○ Lump-sum Allowance for Childbirth & Nursing

(shussan ikuji ichijikin)

■ Those enrolled in a social insurance program (shakai hoken) other than National Health Insurance (Japan Health Insurance Association, Health Insurance Societies, Mutual Aid, etc.)

You will receive a lump-sum allowance from the insurance company in which you are enrolled.

- Recipients:
- (1) Those covered by a social insurance program or equivalent at the time of childbirth.
 - (2) Those who at the time of childbirth are dependents of someone covered by a social insurance program.
 - (3) Those currently covered by National Health Insurance who gave birth within 6 months from enrollment and who before that were continuously covered by a social insurance program as an insured for over a year.

Inquiries For example, your place of work or the social insurance program you are covered by.

■ Those enrolled in National Health Insurance (kokumin kenkō hoken)

[Allowance]

You will receive 420,000 yen for each child born to you.

However, in case of childbirth before the 22nd week of pregnancy that does not fall under the additional coverage provided by the Obstetric Compensation System (sanka iryō hoshō seido), or if childbirth took place at a hospital that is not enrolled in the Obstetric Compensation System (sanka iryō hoshō seido), you will receive 408,000 yen.

Stillbirth or miscarriage at 12 weeks (85 days) or over are included in the above.

※ There will be no payment from the National Health Insurance if you gave birth within 6 months from enrollment and will receive benefits from another insurance.

[Allowance Procedures and Payment Methods]

● Those using the Direct Payment System

(National Health Insurance will pay the lump-sum allowance directly to the medical institution)

Please submit the form entitled "Acknowledgement for the Direct Payment System for the Childbirth Lump Sum" to your medical institution (also called a *gōibunsho*; available at the medical institution). By submitting this form, you allow national health insurance to pay the costs equivalent to the lump-sum allowance directly to the medical institution, so there is no need to prepare a large sum of cash ahead of time.

☆ If the costs for childbirth are more than that of the lump-sum allowance, please pay the difference to the medical institution.

☆ If the costs for childbirth are less than that of the lump-sum allowance, please submit an application to receive the childbirth and nursing lump-sum allowance.

What to bring with you:

1. Detailed statement of birth expenses issued by the hospital, "shussan hiyō meisai sho"
2. Bank passbook or other document with bank account information.

※ If you use the Direct Payment System, your childbirth costs were less than the lump-sum allowance, and you have not submitted an application to receive the childbirth and nursing lump-sum allowance, the city will send you an application once the amount of the bill has been confirmed with the medical institution.

※ If you do not use the Direct Payment System, you can apply to receive the lump-sum allowance for childbirth and nursing as reimbursement for your birth expenses. When applying for the reimbursement, please bring with you the detailed statement of birth expenses (shussan hiyō meisai sho) issued by your hospital stating that the direct payment system was not used, and your bank passbook or other document with bank account information.

Inquiries Izumo City Hall: Hoken Nenkin-ka Tel. 21-6982

◇ Obstetric Compensation System (sanka iryō hoshō seido)

The Obstetric Compensation System is in place to provide financial support for infants and their families if the infant happens to develop severe cerebral palsy during delivery. You must apply to receive the compensation.

■ Eligibility

Infants born on or after January 1st, 2017 (i.e. the date when the system was implemented) and fulfill all of the conditions below (①~③) are eligible to receive the compensation. Due to a revision of the system, ① differs depending on the child's birthday.

【If the child was born between January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2021】

- ① Weight at birth was 1400g or more and the pregnancy had lasted for 32 weeks or more, or pregnancy had lasted for 28 weeks or more and certain requirements are met.
- ② The main cause for the infant's cerebral palsy is not hereditary, or the symptoms occurred after the neonatal period.
- ③ An infant with severe cerebral palsy equal to level 1 or level 2 on the physical impairment grade table for those with physical disabilities (shintai shōgaisha shōgai teido tōkyūhyō)

【If the child was born on January 1, 2022, or later】

- ① Pregnancy had lasted for 28 weeks or more
 - ② and ③: same as above
- ※ Infants who pass away before reaching 6 months of age will be ineligible for the compensation.
 - ※ Even if hereditary or neonatal factors played a role, if the main cause of the cerebral palsy cannot be definitively determined to be hereditary or neonatal, compensation will be paid.
 - ※ The decision will be made according to a specific medical certificate and criteria. Presenting a Physical Disability Card does not confirm eligibility for the compensation.

■ Application Period

You can apply for the compensation starting on the child's 1st birthday until his/her 5th birthday. However, you can apply for the compensation after 6 months have elapsed from birth in very severe cases where a diagnosis can be made.

■ Details of the Compensation

The total compensation is 30,000,000 yen.

Lump-sum payment: You will receive a lump sum payment of 6,000,000 yen for covering initial medical and nursing costs.

Installments: You will receive 24,000,000 yen in installments over 20 years to cover the eligible child's medical fees. (20 times, 1,200,000 yen)

■ Notice

If you are receiving compensation for damages from a childbirth institution, you will be unable to receive Obstetric Compensation from this system at the same time.

■ Applying

Please contact the childbirth facility where the delivery took place or the Obstetric Compensation System call center at the toll-free number 0120-330-637 (weekdays only, 9:00–17:00, excluding national holidays and New Year's Holidays) to confirm the documents necessary for application.