# Introduction to Children's Medical Fee Aid System

子ども医療費助成制度のごあんない

## 1. Eligibility

♦ Any child in elementary, junior high school or high school with an address in Izumo City, who is either insured by health insurance or a dependent, is eligible. However, those receiving public assistance (welfare) are not eligible for this aid.

#### 2. Details

- ♦ Medical expenses will be covered according to the table below.
- **♦ Treatments under health insurance only.** (Ineligible expenses: see section 7.

	Amount of Self-Payment		
Eligibility	Hospitalization	Outpatient	Pharmacy, etc.
Elementary school students & junior high school students &high school age	10% self-pay (Upper limit of self-pay: 2000 yen /month)	10% self-pay (Upper limit of self-pay: 1000 yen /month)	Free of charge

- ★High school age: until March 31 of the fiscal year they turn 18
- **★**Upper limit of self-pay: **the monthly limit for self-paid expenses for 1 medical institution.** (physicians and dentists separately)
- ★Pharmacies, etc.: pharmacies; judo therapy providers; acupuncture, moxibustion, anma massage, and Western massage providers; medical equipment manufacturers; in-home nursing stations

## 3. How to Receive Aid

- ♦ Please present your My Number Card or another health insurance-confirming document as well as the Certificate of Eligibility for Children's Medical Fee Aid at the medical institutions and pharmacies you use.
- ♦ From December 12, 2024 onwards, medical institutions in Izumo City will be able to confirm your Certificate of Eligibility via your My Number Card. However, it may take time for this system to be fully implemented, so please carry the paper certificate with you for the time being.
- ♦ If you paid 30% of the expenses at a medical institution, you can apply for reimbursement. (See section 3 for details.)
- ♦ Other aid systems may apply for injuries sustained at school (incl. club activities and commuting). Please consult the school first.

## 4. How to Apply



### **About Online Applications (JPN only)**

Online applications are available for the following procedures:

(1) (Re-)issuance

(2) Change of information

(3) Reimbursement







- Smartphone: scan the relevant QR code above.
- PC: search for "izumo-shi kodomoiryo" and follow the instructions on Izumo City's homepage to apply online.

### (1) Obtaining a Certificate of Eligibility

- **○**Necessary items: A document confirming the child's health insurance Information
  - The child's My Number Card and 4-digit password
  - <u>XPlease make sure to confirm health insurance information on Mynaportal before coming to the city hall.</u>
  - A Certificate of Qualification issued by your insurance company
  - · Child's health insurance card
  - \*A letter detailing insurance information sent by your insurance company is not sufficient.
- ♦ How to apply: ① Online ② At a service counter
  - Izumo City Hall Child Policies Division (Kodomo Seisaku-ka)
  - Each Administrative Center's Citizen Services Division

### (2) Change of Information

♦ In the following cases, changing the information on the Certificate of Eligibility for Children's Medical Fee Aid is necessary.

Changes can be made online as well.

Change of health insurance Change of address within Izumo Change of name

- Necessary items: A document confirming the child's health insurance information & Certificate of Eligibility forChildren's Medical Aid (not necessary if lost)
- \*The Certificate of Eligibility for Children's Medical Fee Aid might not be usable if the information recorded on it differs from the information on the health insurance card.

### (3) Applying for a Reimbursement

#### Application period: within 2 years from the date the invoice was received

Reimbursement can be applied for the in the following cases. Application forms are available at the service counter.



- **\***Reimbursement can also be applied for online. (JPN only)
- ★ When you paid 30% of the expenses at a medical institution or a pharmacy. (going to a hospital in another prefecture, undergoing examination in Shimane Prefecture without presenting the Certificate of Eligibility, etc.)
- **When medical devices** such as medical corsets, knee braces, or artificial limbs have been purchased and fitted.
- **⇔** When glasses or contact lenses have been purchased for medical purposes (to treat weak eyesight in young children, etc.) at the instruction of a doctor.
  - ☆Children under the age of 9 are eligible.
- **X**You cannot apply for reimbursement in situations where your insurance does not apply (situations in which self-payment is 100%).

Please contact your insurance provider regarding reimbursements.

### **Necessary Items when Applying** ( $\bigcirc \sim \bigcirc$ are required from all applicants):

- ① Receipt (stating the patient's name and treatment points)
- ② Bankbook or ATM card of the person receiving child allowance
- 3 Certificate of Eligibility for Children's Medical Fee Aid
- ④ Doctor's diagnostic letter or proof of medical equipment need (sōgu sōchaku shōmeisho 装具装着証明書) (in case of medical devices)
- ⑤ Prescription for glasses (in case of glasses or contact lenses for medical use)
- ⑥ Settlement notice from the insurance company (ryōyō-hi shikyū kettei tsūchi-sho 療養費支給決定通知書) (in case of medical devices, or glasses or contact lenses for medical use)

#### 5. Relation to the Medical Welfare System (fukushi iryōhi josei seido)

If you have a **Medical Welfare Certificate**, make sure to **present it at the service counter** of the medical institution together with the Certificate of Eligibility for Children's Medical Fee Aid.

◆Inquiries: Izumo City Hall Fukushi Suishin-ka 福祉推進課(TEL 0853-21-6694)

## 6. High-Cost Medical Care (kōgaku ryōyō-hi 高額療養費)

♦ If the 30% self-payment is high-cost, the amount above the upper limit of self-payment may be reimbursed by your health insurance company.

The city can help individuals pay for the self-payment of medical care through Children's Medical Fee Aid. The city will ask for authorization from the insured individual and receive reimbursement for high-cost medical care from the insurance company. To receive the reimbursement, the city will send you a letter of proxy. Please fill in and stamp this document.

◇ If you have already been reimbursed by the insurance company, you will be required to return that reimbursement to the city. To confirm the amount to be returned, please submit a copy of the settlement notice of high-cost medical care (kōgaku ryōyō-hi shikyū kettei tsūchi-sho高額療養費支給決定通知書) issued by the insurance company.

#### 7. Other

#### $\lozenge$ Ineligible expenses:

Children's Medical Fee Aid only applies to medical care costs that are covered by health insurance. For example, hospital meals, hospital room fees, documentation fees, check-up fees, hospital gowns, vaccination fees, and being examined at a hospital with over 200 beds without having a referral from another medical institution are not covered.

**○**<u>Medical institutions and pharmacies, etc., in which you can use the Certificate of Eligibility for Children's Medical Fee Aid issued by Izumo City:</u>

The Certificate of Eligibility for Children's Medical Fee Aid can be used at medical institutions and pharmacies in Shimane Prefecture as well as certain medical institutions and pharmacies in Tottori Prefecture and Hiroshima Prefecture.

**○**Moving into or out of Izumo:

Aid can be received from the day of moving into Izumo until the day preceding the day of moving out. You cannot use the Certificate of Eligibility for Children's Medical Fee Aid issued by Izumo City after moving out of the city. If you present the certificate and receive treatment after moving out, you will be required to return the amount of aid you received.

#### Contact

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