



Information on the Children's Medical Expenses Subsidy System

To utilize this system, it is necessary to go through the prescribed procedure.

The Children's Medical Expenses Subsidy System is a system by which Kyoto City covers a part of the medical expenses (self-pay burden of health insurance) to be paid by guardians of children in order to mitigate the economic burden on families for securer childrearing (there are no income caps).

To apply for this system, applicants are required to present their children's health insurance cards.

<Where to inquire and apply>

Kyoto City Child & Family Support Section Satellite Office

6th Floor, North Building

488 Kamihonnojima-cho, Teramachi-dori Oike-agaru,
Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto 604-8571

Tel: 075-222-3777

Fax: 075-251-1132 (Application via FAX is not available.)

It's convenient!!

*** For application, please mail your application form to the Kyoto City Child & Family Support Section Satellite Office.**

(The Child-rearing Support Offices of ward and branch offices as well as the Kyoto Ukyo Ward Office Keihoku Sub Branch Office and the Kyoto Fushimi Ward Office Kamikawa Sub Branch Office will deal with reception of applications at the counter and general inquiries on the details of the system alone.)

"Kyoto kodomoiryō" (in Japanese)

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About the Children's Medical Expenses Subsidy System

Outline of the system

- Targets for the system: Children from aged 0 to third-year junior high school students who live in Kyoto City and are insured by health insurance
- Scope of the system: A part of the medical expenses (self-pay burden of health insurance) to be paid by guardians of children

- There is no income cap for guardians of target children.
- Children who are recipients of public assistance, a medical subsidy for a single parent family or for a serious physical or mental disability are outside the target range.
- When children are eligible for receiving medical expenses to be covered by the national/local government or an independent administrative corporation, such as grants of medical payment for services and supports for persons with disabilities and mutual relief for sports injuries, the scope of the coverage is outside the target range of this system.
- Starting from September 2023, the outpatient medical expenses for children aged 3 to sixth-year elementary school students will be 200 yen per medical institution per month.

About copayments

Patients are required to pay the following copayments at the counters of medical institutions:

- Hospitalization: 200 yen/month/medical institution
- Commutation to hospital:

Infants aged zero to sixth-year elementary school students: 200 yen/month/medical institution (*1)

First-year to third-year junior high school students: 1,500 yen/month (*2)

*1: Payment for copayments is not required at a dispensing pharmacy.

*2: Although the upper limit of a patient's coverage at a medical institution is 1,500 yen per month per institution, when the self-pay burden per month exceeds 1,500 yen because of having received medical treatment at two or more medical institutions (including dispensing pharmacies), the amount exceeding 1,500 yen will be paid upon application. Payment for copayments is required at a dispensing pharmacy according to medical institutions that issue prescriptions.

The self-pay burden for health insurance is the target for the Children's Medical Expenses Supply. Please note that the supply will not be paid for the following items that are outside the target range of insured medical treatment.

- Costs for preventive injections and physical checkups, documentation fees, medical examination for infants, orthodontic procedures, etc.
- Meal expenses to be covered by patients at the time of hospitalization, special care environment room (premium bed) charge, private room charge, cost for diapers, and cost for medical agent containers
- Special fee for an initial medical examination at a hospital with at least 200 beds, etc.

1. A health insurance card (issued on or before December 1, 2024)
2. Eligibility Certificate
3. Notice of Insurance Eligibility
4. Screenshot from the Mynportal website

To receive a Children's Medical Care Certificate

You will need to provide a document that shows your child's health insurance eligibility.

(Note: Depending on the health insurance provider, some documents may lack required information. For details, please refer to the Kyoto City website.)

The procedure will be completed by mailing the following documents to the application destination:

- A completed application form for the Children's Medical Care Certificate (available for download from the website)
- A copy of a document that shows the child's health insurance eligibility and includes the child's name

(When applying at a ward or branch office counter, be sure to bring the original document that confirms the child's health insurance eligibility.)

Issuance of a Children's Medical Care Certificate

For each applicant who is certified as a recipient, we will later mail a "Children's Medical Care Certificate" (white).

For junior high school students, we will also mail a "Kyoto City Children's Medical Care Certificate" (cherry blossom color). For elementary school students and younger children, we will mail a "Kyoto City Children's Medical Care Certificate" (cherry blossom color) prior to their entering junior high school (the month of March of their sixth year of elementary school), which can be used from the from the month of April.

How to use Children's Medical Care Certificates

When your child receives medical treatment at a medical institution in Kyoto Prefecture, please present the Children's Medical Care Certificate together with a document that confirms your child's health insurance eligibility at the reception desk.

	Children aged 0 ~ elementary school students	Junior high school students
Hospitalization Home nursing	"Children's Medical Care Certificate" (white)	
Commutation to hospital (Medical/dental clinics and pharmacies)	"Children's Medical Care Certificate" (white)	"Kyoto City Children's Medical Care Certificate" (cherry blossom color)

* Please note that if you present the wrong Care Certificate, you will have to pay the entire self-pay burden of the health insurance.

* With regard to cavity treatment for elementary school students, the Project for Measures to Prevent Children's Tooth Decay takes priority in principle. **Also in the case of receiving dental treatment at a dental clinic based on the Project for Measures to Prevent Children's Tooth Decay, please present the "Children's Medical Care Certificate" (white).**

To receive refunds for medical expenses *The application period is five years from the day after the day of medical treatment (for junior high school student outpatients, the month after the month of medical treatment).

As applicants can receive refunds for medical expenses in the cases below, please apply for the total medical expenses of the same month. Later, the amounts of refunds will be transferred to the applicants' bank accounts. In the case where you can receive high-cost medical care expenses and additional benefit from your health insurance, receive these payments first. Please understand that it may take some time to receive refunds because we need to confirm your high-cost medical care expenses from health insurance, etc.

- When receiving medical treatment at a medical institution that does not handle the Children's Medical Expenses Subsidy System, such as the case of receiving a medical examination outside the prefecture
- When paying medical expenses, you are unable to present your Children's Medical Care Certificate at the counter of a medical institution
- When receiving the payment for medical expenses from health insurance
- When purchasing an orthosis for medical treatment
- When the total of your monthly self-pay burden per month exceeds 1,500 yen in such cases as a child of junior high school age goes to two or more medical institutions (including dispensing pharmacies).
(*) Children from 3 years old to elementary school age are also eligible for medical expenses until August 2023.

* For medical expenses until August 2019, the total self-pay burden per month is calculated to be 3,000 yen.

<Items required for refund procedure> * Please follow the procedure via mailing service!

- (1) Medical Expense Payment Application Form (Available for download from the website.)
- (2) A copy of the Children's Medical Care Certificate (white)
- (3) A copy of an item that indicates your transfer account number and account holder name (e.g. a cash card or a deposit passbook)
- (4) Documents that prove that you paid medical care expenses
(patient's name, date of receiving medical treatment, name of the medical institution, medical fee points, receipts (originals only) clearly indicating the amount of payment, etc.)
- (5) A letter of proxy and an item that indicates the designee's bank account in the case of transferring the refund to a bank account of a non-recipient
- (6) (If you have received reimbursements) Documents issued by your insurer that show payments received for medical care expenses, high-cost medical care, additional benefits, etc.
- (7) (For those applying for orthotic devices) Either a fabrication and fitting instruction certificate for the orthotic device, **or** a doctor's opinion letter (letter of consent) **and** a certificate of fitting for the orthotic device.
- (8) (In the case of judo-osteopathy, acupuncture, moxibustion, or massage) a copy of a Therapeutic Expense Payment Application Form

* For items (2) and (3) above, **the original documents are required when applying at a ward or branch office counter.**

* The amount of refund may be less than the amount of actual medical expenses due to medical treatment outside the coverage for health insurance, rounding off the amount of refund to the nearest 10 yen unit at the counter of a medical institution, etc., and the payment of high-cost medical care expenses based on the provisions of Social Insurance laws.

When losing eligibility for Children's Medical Expenses Subsidy

In the following cases, you will lose eligibility for the Children's Medical Expense Subsidy and will no longer be able to use the Children's Medical Care Certificate. Please return the certificate promptly to the Kyoto City Child and Family Support Section Satellite Office. (You may return it in person at the counter or by mail.)

- End of the term of validity (the first March 31 after the 15th birthday)
- When moving out of Kyoto City
- When losing eligibility for health insurance (including the case with a non-eligible period due to changes in health insurance, such as a change of occupation)
- When becoming eligible to receive payment for medical expenses based on another subsidy system, such as public assistance, or a medical subsidy for a single parent family or for a serious physical or mental disability
- When the target child dies

You need to follow the procedure in the following cases.

When submission is required	Documents to be submitted
When the recipient or the target child changes his/her address	Notification of Change in the Recipient
When the name of the recipient or the target child is changed	
When there is any change in your health insurance (such as change of the insurer or change in any symbol or number)	
When becoming eligible to receive payment for medical expenses based on another subsidy system, such as public assistance, or a medical subsidy for a single parent family or for a serious physical or mental disability	
When the recipient, who is the guardian of the target child, changes	
When the child, who is on the Children's Medical Expenses Subsidy System, or his/her guardian passes away	Application form for Reissuance of the Children's Medical Care Certificate
When you lose or damage your Children's Medical Care Certificate	
When you use the Children's Medical Expenses Subsidy System due to damage by a third party, such as a traffic accident	Notification of Damage by a Third Party

Please use the “procedure via mail” for submission to the Kyoto City Child & Family Support Section Satellite Office!

Please mail the required documents, such as an application form, to the Kyoto City Child & Family Support Section Satellite Office.

If applying by mail, the date of the postmark will be considered the date of receipt.

When enclosing attached documents such as the Children's Medical Care Certificate, a copy of a document that confirms your child's health insurance eligibility, or a bankbook or cash card, please send copies—not the originals.

Forms such as the application form can be downloaded from the Kyoto City Office's official website. (Some of these documents are unavailable for downloading.)

You can also bring these documents to the Child-rearing Support Office of one of the ward offices or branch offices in Kyoto City or to the Kyoto Ukyo Ward Office Keihoku Sub Branch Office or the Kyoto Fushimi Ward Office Kamikawa Sub Branch Office. (Mailing these documents to one of the ward offices or branch offices in Kyoto City is unavailable. Even when submitting your application form, etc. at the counter of one of the ward offices or branch offices, the Kyoto City Child & Family Support Section Satellite Office may contact you later to ask you to confirm the application details or to submit required documents.) When applying at a ward or branch office counter, be sure to bring the original Children's Medical Care Certificate and a document that confirms your child's health insurance eligibility.

<Mailing address>

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