

8. Medical Welfare Programs

(1)Welfare medical assistance – *Fukushi Iryouhi Josei*

Welfare medical assistance is a subsidy system which Nagahama city issues a *Fukushi Iryouhi Jukyu-ken* (Certificate to receive medical care benefits), and subsidize a co-payment for medical expenses of medical expenses for eligible people.

◆ Eligibility

Classification	Possible recipient
Infants	From Newborn baby to Preschooler (Children before the first March 31 after the day of reaching 6 years old)
Children	Children from the first grade of elementary school to the high school generation (including compulsory education school) (Children up to the first March 31st after reaching the age of 18)
Those with severe disabilities	Those who have a physical disability certificate- <i>Shintai Shougaisha Techou</i> (grade 1~3/a portion of grade 4), Rehabilitation certificate - <i>Ryouiku Techou</i> (A1/A2) or fall under the system of <i>Tokubetsu Jidou Fuyou Teate</i> (Special Child allowance) grade 1
Single parent household	Single parent who has been supporting a child aged under 18, and a child aged under 18 of single-parent household or Child aged under 18 who has no parents
Those aged between 65 and 74	Those aged between 65 and 74 whose household is exempt from municipal tax in accordance with the Local Tax Act. (when yourself, your spouse, and dependents are exempt from municipal taxes)

*In addition, there is also the subsidy system for widows who live alone and elderly widows.

*There is an income limit for subsidizing each welfare medical assistance other than infants and children.

◆ Contents of subsidy

A portion of your burden charge of medical expenses which is covered by insurance will be subsidized.

- The certificate to receive medical care benefit-*Fukushi Iryouhi Jukyukken* will be issued upon application. Your burden charge of medical expenses will be free if you present the certificate as well as insurance card at the medical institution which is located in Shiga prefecture. (However, an elderly widow aged between 65 and 74 who lives alone needs to bear 10% or 20% of the medical expenses.)
- If you undergo medical treatment at a hospital outside of Shiga Prefecture, you must pay the full medical expense temporality. In case of consultation outside Shiga prefecture, we refund it by application after making the payment of partial contribution at medical institution,
- The medical assistance system does not cover medical expenses which is not covered by insurance, medical expenses for traffic accidents or other accidents caused by a third party. In addition, *Kougaku Ryouyouhi* (system for expensive medical expenses) or additional benefits are excluded from the amount of medical assistance.

◆ Required documents to apply for a medical assistance system

- Health insurance card
- Physical disability certificate-*Shougaisha Techou* or Rehabilitation certificate-*Ryouiku Techou* if you apply for the severe disability person welfare medical care system.

- Only those who cannot confirm their income in Nagahama City due to moving in etc. will need an income tax certificate (an income tax certificate issued at their former address, etc. (with the tax amount specified). Please contact the department in charge for the required certification year.)
- About welfare medical care system for single-parent home, please ask Children and Families Division beforehand.
- In addition, other documents may be required depending on each classification
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◆ When you become ineligible

Regardless of the validity period, *Fukushi Iryouhi Jukyuken* must be returned promptly when you lose your eligibility. In the case that you use it after losing your eligibility, you will be required to return the subsidy of medical fee, etc. that you received to the city.


When	Required documents
Moving out of Nagahama City	<i>Fukushi Iryouhi Jukyuken</i> - Certificate to receive medical care benefits
Death	<i>Fukushi Iryouhi Jukyuken</i>
Starting receiving Welfare assistance- <i>Seikatsu Hogo</i>	<i>Fukushi Iryouhi Jukyuken</i>
No longer live in a single-mother (or single-father) household	<i>Fukuhshi Iryouhi Jukyuken</i>
No longer eligible due to the grade of severe disability changed	<i>Fukushi Iryouhi Jukyuken</i> New physical disability certificate, etc.

◆ Notification is required in the following cases

When	Required documents
Changing the health insurance which currently enrolled	New health insurance card
Changing the address or name	<i>Fukushi Iryouhi Jukyuken</i>
Losing the <i>Fukushi Iryouhi Jukyuken</i> (Application to re-issue)	Identification such as driver's license card, etc. (Power of attorney is required when the person who are not member of same household apply for reissuance.)

◆ Refund

You will be able to receive a refund in following cases, please apply in person. Also, your guardian can apply on behalf of you.

When	Description	Required documents
Having medical treatment at a hospital outside of Shiga Prefecture. 	The medical expenses (covered by insurance) you paid at the hospital will be refunded. The expenses not covered by insurance such as charges for rooms, meals, or vaccinations during hospitalization, high cost treatment benefits and additional benefits paid by your employee's insurer and subsidies from public assistance will not be included in the refund.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fukushi Iryouhi Jukyuken</i> -Certificate to receive medical care benefits • Document which shows your bank account information • An original copy of the hospital receipt with a receipt stamp (which carries the name of patient, insurance points, the amount you paid, and the name of hospital) • Health insurance card • Determination notice of subsidy for expensive medical expenses or additional benefit (if applicable.)

Paying the charges for corset, etc. or therapeutic glass.	<p>In addition to what is necessary for the above-mentioned "when we consult outside Shiga prefecture", the next thing is necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Opinion document: Wearing certificate- <i>Ikensho/Souchaku Shoumeisho</i>" of the doctor or "Instruction to make treatment glasses" ※ "Medical cost payment decision letter -<i>Iryouhi Kettei Tsuuchisho</i>" from the insurer of your working place when you subscribe to except Nagahama-shi National Health Insurance, Health insurance elderly people medical care system-<i>Kouki Koureisha Iryou Seido</i>.
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