

Medical Aid System for Specified Diseases / Tokutei Shikkan Iryou Kyuufu Jigyou

Outline of the Project

Researches of intractable diseases are currently performed on 130 rare and intractable diseases that have resulted from an unidentifiable cause and, without a clearly established treatment. At Aichi prefecture, the medical aids for specified diseases (Medical fees subsidy program) are provided to patients suffering from one or more of 58 specified intractable diseases including 56 diseases specified by the national government and additional 2 more diseases which are implemented inimitably by the prefecture are subjected to the specified disease treatment benefit program.

1 Who is eligible?

In order for patients to be eligible, all following items 1 to 3 are fulfilled:

- 1 Have an address (or Jyumin hyo, a residence certificate) in Aichi prefecture
- 2 Meet each accreditation criterion specified by above mentioned each 58 diseases
- 3 Is an insured person or a dependent of the insured of a health insurance

*Patients who cannot meet an accreditation criterion are not eligible to this aid.

2 Contents of the aid

For the following 2 contents, a part of the copayment such as the health insurance treatment will be subsidized from public expenses.

- 1 Medical treatments related to the specified disease
- 2 Medical services which compliance with specified disease among all nursing-care insurance services

Home-Visit Nursing, Home-Visit Rehabilitation, Guidance for Management of In-Home Medical Long Term Care, Medical Long-Term Care Sanatorium, Home-Visiting Nursing Service for Preventive Long-Term Care, Home-Visiting Rehabilitation Service for Preventive Long-Term Care, Management and Guidance for In-Home Medical Service for Preventive Long-Term Care

* All expenses will be subsidized by the government for patient with monopathy such as SMON, being registered as critically ill, or if the bread-winner's residential tax is excluded.

* Treatment of diseases other than authorized diseases, medical treatments which cannot be covered by the insurance and nursing-care insurance services other than the ones above are not eligible.

3 Copayment

Patients must bear the copayment which complies with the income excluding the case when the bread-winner's residential tax is exempt.

The monthly burden will be from 4,500 yen to 23,100 yen for the hospital admission and from 2,250 yen to 11,550 yen for the outpatient treatment.

- * The copayment amount of a patient who is the bread-winner or of 2nd or more patients living in the same household will be reduced from the amount stated above.
- * There will be no copayments for the cost of prescribed medication made at the pharmacy outside the hospital and home-visit nursing cost.

4 How to apply

Please submit the documents listed separately to your nearest health center.

The application form will be screened by the prefectural certification committee. Present the claimant certification, issued upon the approval, for medical care for specified diseases to the reception of the medical institution so that you will be able to receive the medical benefits.

In this case, **the applicable medical fees for receiving the benefits will be the ones after the day Health Center receives the document above.**

5 Period of validity of the claimant certification

Beginning period will be the day when Health Center receives the application form, and the ending period, as a fundamental rule, will be end of recent September, except certain diseases.

Also, the patient will be eligible to receive medical benefits for another year after a continuous application for this benefit is made and approved by the certification committee.

6 Reimbursement of Medical Fees

If the patient pays the medical cost which is over the copayment amount at the medical institution (ex. hospital, pharmacy or others) during the duration period before the claimant certification is issued, the medical fees will be reimbursed.

Please fill in the necessary information on the specified invoice, and after receiving the approval from the medical institution, send it to Kenko Taisaku ka at Aichi ken cho (prefectural government).

After the documents are screened, the medical fees will be transferred to the designated account. The date for the transfer, as a general rule, will be the last date of following month Kenko Taisaku ka receives the invoice. Please note that no transfer notice will be made, so please confirm it with your passbook.

Also, in case when a patient is eligible for the high-cost medical expense system or bears copayments, the amount which deducted those amounts will be transferred.