



National Health Insurance Plan for Residents of Tokai Village



The National Health Insurance Plan (NHIP) is a system designed to support medical expenses for its members.

1. Who is eligible to join the plan:

- Those who are registered as residents of Tokai Village and are qualified to stay in Japan for more than 3 months.

[Note: If you do not currently have a visa to stay longer than 3 months (and your visa status is any of the following: “Entertainer”, “Technical Intern Training”, “Dependent”, “Designated Activities” or “Official”), and you are planning to stay beyond this period, please provide proof of your intention. Proof may be a certificate from your employer indicating that they are planning to employ you beyond the 3-month period.]

- Who is not eligible to join the plan:

Those who are enrolled in a workplace insurance plan.

Those who are receiving Social Welfare assistance.

Those who do not have a valid visa to stay in Japan.

2. To join or withdraw:

- To join the plan please bring your Alien Registration Card and Passport.

If you had been enrolled in a workplace insurance plan before, you must bring proof that you have retired from the workplace or proof that you are no longer enrolled in the workplace insurance plan. If you had been receiving Social Welfare assistance, you must bring a notification of the termination of Social Insurance assistance.

- To withdraw from the National Health Insurance Plan

Please note that you must continue to pay the insurance premiums until you have completed the withdrawal procedure.

Please bring your Alien Registration Card and National Health Insurance Card.

- If you are enrolled in a workplace health insurance plan, please bring the insurance card.
- If you are going to receive Social Welfare support, please bring the notification.

3. To get the NHIP card reissued:

- If you have lost your NHIP card, you must bring in your Alien Registration Card and “Inkan” (personal seal), if you have one, when you apply for reissuance.
- If there is a change in your visa status or residential address, etc. that requires you to get a new card, bring in your Alien Registration Card and current NHIP card for processing.

4. Coverage of the NHIP:

- When you receive medical treatment at hospitals, clinics, etc., the NHIP will cover a certain percentage of the medical expenses. The coverage is not 100% and members must pay the balance themselves. The percentage NHIP will cover depends on the age of the person medically treated.
- For children preschool age or under, 80% of medical expenses will be covered by NHIP. (In addition to NHIP coverage, there is also an expense provision system that may cover remaining medical expenses for children through junior high school.)
- For persons over 70 and under 75 years old, 70 to 90% will be covered, depending on the income level of the person.
- Please note that the NHIP will not cover medical expenses in some cases, including cases involving intentional criminal activity, traffic accidents, suicide, etc. Please consult with the village for more details.
- The NHIP will cover members up to the age of 75. There is “A new medical insurance system for the elderly over 75” based on the law established in 2008.

* Relevant matters (Please consult with the village office for more details)

- In Japan, childbirth is not considered to be an illness. Hence normal medical expense coverage does not apply. However, for those who are covered by the NHIP, a single lump sum payment will be provided for each birth. This includes cases of stillbirth and miscarriage, if this occurs 85 days or more after conception.
- In case of the death of a person enrolled in NHIP, financial aid may be provided for cremation or funeral services. Support must be applied for within 2 years of the date of death.
- If you had to pay beyond the calculated upper limit of medical payments per month, the balance will be covered.
- Medical expenses for medical treatment outside of Japan will be partially covered.
- Cost for regular medical checkups of various types will be partially covered.

5. National Health Insurance Fee (tax)

- The National Health Insurance Fee (tax) is calculated according to income, number of family members, etc. For details, please consult with the Village Office.
- The bill for the National Health Insurance Fee will be mailed to you the month after you apply. Successive bills will be mailed to you in July.
- You may pay the bill for the period of April to March of the following year in 9 installments or in a single payment.
- If you come to Japan in the middle of a fiscal year with no income from Japan during the previous fiscal year, your fee may be reduced. Please consult the Village Office.
- You can pay the fee through banks, the post office, convenience stores, or you can have the fee automatically transferred from your bank account.
- Should you have difficulty paying the fee, please come to discuss this matter with the Village Office.
- If you do not pay the fee and do not come to discuss the matter with the Village Office, your eligibility for the insurance support may be terminated.

For any questions, please contact the Insurance/Pension section of Tokai Village Office on the first floor. Phone (029)-282-1711, extension 1131, 1132 and 1133.

As we may not be able to provide service in languages other than Japanese, please be accompanied by someone who speaks Japanese.