

National Health Insurance Guide

<What is National Health Insurance system?>

Every single registered resident of Japan including non-Japanese who fulfill certain conditions must enroll in one of health insurance programs, in order to receive medical treatment regardless of their locations in Japan.

National Health Insurance system (NHI) is run cooperatively by Aichi Prefecture and Inuyama City. In case of illness or injury, the insured member only has to pay a part of the medical expenses to receive medical care.

<What are the eligibility to join NHI if you are not Japanese?>

Joining the NHI is mandatory if are non-Japanese (whose period of stay is more than 3 months) registered resident of Inuyama City. However, people who meet any of the following conditions may not enroll in the NHI.

- 1 Those enrolled in the Employees' Health Insurance
- 2 Those enrolled in the Medical care system for the elderly aged 75 and over
- 3 Those on welfare
- 4 Those who have expired period of stay (excluding "Special Permanent Resident", "Temporary Refugee", and etc.)
- 5 Those with one of the following status. "Temporary Visitor", "Diplomat", and "Official".
- 6 Those who have a "Designated Activities" status of residence AND meet ① or ②:
 - ① Those who are in Japan for the purpose of receiving medical treatment and those who helps them as the care-givers.
 - ② Those who are in Japan for the purpose of sightseeing, recreation, or similar activities and their accompanying spouses.
- 7 Those who have the Certificate of Coverage issued by one of countries with which Japan ratified the Social Security Agreement.

※ Even if you do not have Residency Certificate and the authorized length of stay is less than 3 months with visa status of Entertainer, Technical Intern Training, Dependent, or Designated Activities, you are eligible to join if you have a certificate that proves your longer stay more than 3 months.

<What are the procedures to enroll in the NHI?>

You must go through NHI enrollment procedures within 14 days after any

of the following events: when you enter Japan, when you move into the city, when you withdraw from any other Japanese social insurance.

=Items to bring for the procedure=

(Must-bring Items)

Inkan (Name Seal) · Resident Card or Passport

(Additional Items to bring for each case)

- ◆ When you withdraw from Employees' Health Insurance
Certificate of losing a qualification for Social (Health) Insurance
- ◆ When you move into Inuyama City
Certificate of Moving-out
- ◆ When you had a baby
Mother-Child Health Handbook
(File the birth certificate first at Civic Affairs Division, City Hall.)
- ◆ When you become ineligible for welfare benefits
Notification of Ending Public Assistance

<Proof of National Health Insurance>

Every single member will be provided with a health insurance card.

Your health insurance card serves as proof that you are enrolled in the NHI. If you present it to the medical institution when seeing a doctor, you only have to pay a part of the medical bills.

<Benefits provided by National Health Insurance>

If you present your health insurance card at a hospital or at an insurance pharmacy when you get ill or injured, you will have to pay only a part of the medical bills to receive the medical treatment.

Aichi prefecture and Inuyama city will pay the rest.

Please be noted, however, that injuries due to a traffic accident or those at work will not be covered by this insurance card!!

◇◇◇Please be sure to pay the NHI Tax before the
deadline.◇◇◇

National Health Insurance is an important tax that finances your hospital cost in case of sickness or injury. You must pay the NHI tax promptly by the due date in order to protect yourselves financially in case of unforeseen sickness or injury!

※ Amount of the insurance taxes per year is calculated based on the income of household members in the previous year. (Even if you never seen a doctor or you had no income in the previous year, the payment is necessary for the insured.)

◆◆◆ If you do not pay the tax…◆◆◆

If the deadline expires, a late payment penalty will be charged along with the NHI tax. In some cases, validity period of the health insurance card may be shortened as a penalty.

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