

# Notice concerning Review of the Medical Expense Support Program for Overseas Atomic Bomb Survivors

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Nagasaki Prefecture and Nagasaki City

It has been lately determined to review “the Medical Expense Support Program for Overseas Atomic Bomb Survivors”, which is a system for supporting atomic bomb survivors who live overseas in necessary medical expenses. Please see below for details.

1. In fiscal 2014 onward, the ceiling for medical expenses, which can be reimbursed with a simplified procedure including the submission of receipts etc., will be raised to 300,000 yen per year, from approximately 180,000 yen in fiscal 2013.
2. In the case where your copayment exceeds the ceiling specified above, you will be requested to submit vouchers that prove the amount of expenses required on the relevant medical care, together with documents that describe the medical care that you have received. Depending on the results of review on such documents and vouchers, you will be paid the amount you have paid for the relevant medical care<sup>(Note 1)</sup>, minus insurance benefits and other deductions in the country you live in (if said amount exceeds the amount that will be paid to an atomic bomb survivor who lives in Japan has taken the relevant care overseas, then the same amount as paid to such a Japanese resident will be applied).

(Note 1: Either “the amount calculated based on the reimbursement system in Japan”, or “the amount that has been actually paid”, whichever the smaller)

Specific amounts will be determined as follows:

(1) Diseases certified as atomic bomb injuries

The amount you have paid for the relevant medical care, minus insurance benefits and other deductions in the country you live in

(2) Other than diseases certified as atomic bomb injuries

The amount you have paid for the relevant medical care, minus insurance benefits and other deductions in the country you live in (if

said amount exceeds 20%<sup>(Note 2)</sup> of the amount you have paid for the care, then 20% of the amount)

(Note 2: This percentage has been specified based on the effective burden rate in Japan's public medical issuance system.)

3. Additional support will be made available under 2 above, to persons who received support in medical expenses by this program from fiscal 2004 to fiscal 2013, and who have made copayment for medical expenses exceeding the ceiling in each fiscal year.

[Reference] This program will be continuously implemented respectively by Hiroshima Prefecture for Latin America, by Hiroshima City for North America, by Nagasaki Prefecture for South Korea, and by Nagasaki City for other regions.

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