

High-Cost Medical Expense Benefit (Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application) or *KOGAKU RYOYOHI SEIDO (GENDOGAKU TEKIYO NINTEISHO)* **/ 高額療養費制度（限度額適用認定証）について**

If you have public health insurance coverage in Japan, you can apply for a “High-cost Medical Expense Benefit” in advance. You are only required to pay a pre-fixed ceiling amount at the cashier desk. If you have paid the full amount already without showing an “Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application (*GENDOGAKU TEKIYO NINTEISHO*)” “Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application and Reduction of the Standard Amount of Patient Liability (*GENDOGAKU TEKIYO・HYOJUN FUTANGAKU GENGAKU NINTEISHO*)”, you can claim a refund from your insurance provider.

However, the following items will not be covered by the refund:

Private room charge, pajama rental fee, hospital food service fee and some medical expenses which are not covered by medical insurance (including advanced medical treatment not covered by medical insurance)

In addition, this system is not applicable if your medical expenses do not exceed the limit of your copayment amount.

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ただし、個室代、病衣代、食事代や自費診療（保険診療の対象に至らない先進的医療を含む）などは含まれません。

また、医療費が自己負担額の限度を超えない場合も適用されません。

Procedures/手続き

Apply through your health insurance provider beforehand to get an “Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application” or an “Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application and Reduction of the Standard Amount of Patient Liability”. Please present this certificate at the reception desk. Your monthly payment will be no more than a specified amount.

However, if you delay in presenting the certificate, you may not be able to benefit from this system.

If you have any questions or if there is something unclear about the necessary procedures for these applications, or about what happens if you transfer to another hospital, please ask your health insurance provider.

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