

Medical System for Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities

Overview

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- Objective
 - Medical system bearing public expenses that aims to reduce the amount of co-payment of medical costs concerning medical services for persons with disabilities to ease and reduce their physical disabilities and mental disorders
- * Insurance precedes medical payment for services and supports for persons with disabilities; practically this system shall cover the difference between self-pay burden prescribed by this system and thirty-percent-self-pay- burden after insurance payment. (Burden ratio: national 50%, prefectures 50%)
- Covered
 - Outpatient mental medical service: Persons with mental disease such as mental disorders prescribed in Article 5 of Act for the Mental Health and Welfare of the Persons with Mental Disorders who needs outpatient mental treatment continuously
 - Medical rehabilitation service: Persons to whom a physically disabled certificate is issued pursuant to the Act on Welfare of Physically Disabled Persons and to whom result is assured by medical service such as an operation, etc. to ease and reduce those disorders (aged 18 and older)
 - Medical aid for children with potential disability: Children with physical disabilities to whom result is assured by medical service such as an operation, etc. to ease and reduce those disabilities (aged younger than 18)
- Intended main disorders and remedial example
 - Outpatient mental medical service (mental disease) : Psychotropic, psychiatry day care, etc.
 - Medical rehabilitation service, medical aid for children with potential disability:
 - Physical disability: arthrogyposis → artificial joint replacement
 - Visual disability: cataract → cataract extraction
 - internal impediment: impaired cardiac function → valve replacement, pacemaker implantation
 - Kidney dysfunction → liver transplantation, dialysis treatment

Subjects and co-payment of Medical Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities

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[Related to paragraph 1, Article 54-1 and item 1, paragraph 3, Article 58]

1. Qualification: Persons who earn under a certain level of income among people covered by medical rehabilitation service, medical aid for children with potential disability or ambulant mental medical service (intended diseases are the same as current coverage).
2. Benefit levels: Self-pay burden is 10% (emphasized as in the table below). However the ceiling will be set to co-payment according to income level. Meal charges (standard charges) for hospitalized or institutionalized shall be self-paid.

People below certain income level			People with middle income		People above certain income level
Households receiving public assistance	Households exempted from municipality tax Income ≤ ¥800,000	Households exempted from municipality tax Income > ¥800,000	People with middle income Municipal tax < ¥33,000 (per income levy)	¥33,000 ≤ Municipal tax < ¥235,000 (per income levy)	¥235,000 ≤ Municipal tax (per income levy)
Beneficiary of public assistance: No burden	People with low income type 1: Burden ceiling ¥2,500	People with low income type 2: Burden ceiling ¥5,000	People with middle income: Burden ceiling: Co-payment, ceiling of medical insurance Transitional measures of medical aid for children with potential disability Burden ceiling: ¥5,000 Burden ceiling: ¥10,000		People above certain income level: Not covered by public expenditure (burden ratio and burden ceiling of medical insurance)
			Serious and also continuative People with middle income type 1: People with middle income type 2: Burden ceiling: ¥5,000 Burden ceiling: ¥10,000		(*) People above certain income level (transitional measures) Burden ceiling ¥20,000

- * The range of “serious and also continuative”
 - Persons covered on the ground of disease and symptom
 - Mental medical service:
 - [1] Cerebral dysfunctions such as schizophrenic disorder, bipolar disorder/depression, dementia, etc., and drug-related disorders (addiction, etc.)
 - [2] Person who is judged by a doctor with above a certain level of experience of mental treatment
 - Medical rehabilitation service and medical aid for children with potential disability:
 - Kidney dysfunction, small intestine dysfunction and immune dysfunction
 - People covered on grounds of continuous burden of expensive cost, regardless of diseases:
 - About all three kinds of medical insurances mentioned above: People who are qualified to many medical insurances