

■ Appropriate use of National Health Insurance (NHI) card

When you enroll the NHI program, your NHI card will be issued. The NHI card certifies that you are enrolled in the NHI. You will need to show the card when you go to medical institutions, so please make sure to keep in a safe place.

- Check that the information on the card is correct. It may become invalid if you correct information by yourself without permission.
- Never lend or borrow NHI cards. You will be punished by law.
- You cannot use an expired NHI card.
- If your card is damaged or lost, apply for a new one is issued.

■ Payment of NHI Premiums

1. How NHI Premiums are Calculated

Premiums are calculated on a monthly basis starting from the month that membership was obtained and are calculated based on the total income of the previous year.

2. NHI Payment Notification of Determination

After applying for memberships, the NHI Payment Notification of Determination will be sent during the middle of the following month: (however, those who have applied from April to May will have their Notification of Determination for the Fiscal Year sent in July). The notification will be sent to the household owner responsible for payments. (The notification will be sent even if the household owner is not a member of NHI.)

3. Methods of NHI Premiums Payment

There are 2 methods that you pay NHI premiums.

◆ Payment via Statement

Payments can be made through the statement attached to the Notification of Determination. You can pay at financial institutions, post offices, and convenience stores.

◆ Bank Transfer

The NHI premiums will be automatically deducted from a designated account every time. It is safe and convenient, and eliminates the worry of missing payment. Fill out and submit the Automatic Money Transfer Request Form to your preferred financial institution. After completing the procedures, the Notification of Commencement of Automatic Money Transfer will be sent around 15th day of the month when transfers begin.

4. Consultation of NHI premiums installment payment plans

If payments of premiums are difficult due to financial circumstances, contact the Insurance Collection Section of Health Insurance & Pension Division (Window No.4) of Chigasaki City Hall. A payment plan can be arranged after consulting on your current situation.

5. When Continually Failing to Pay Premiums

I. Reminders will be mailed.

II. Late charges for missed payments will continue to add up, increasing the total amount of money that you must pay.

III. Instead of a standard NHI card, a temporary NHI card which have shorter term of validity may be issued.

IV. Your property may be seized. In order to collect your delinquent payments, we may investigate your salary, bank accounts, and life insurance policy, and may seize your property.

※Payment status may affect your visa renewal.

Non-payments of large-sum premiums or delinquency for a period are practices known as "malicious act," which may adversely affect your visa renewal.

■ Insurance Benefits covered by NHI

『Medical Treatment Benefits』

When you get sick or injured, you can receive medical treatment by showing your NHI card at reception desk at medical institutions and paying a part of the medical fees. The rate of medical fees you are responsible for differs depending on age, etc.

『Kanagawa Medical Information Search Service』

You can check medical institutions and pharmacies in Kanagawa at the web-site of "Kanagawa Medical Information Search Service". URL : <http://www.ryo-kensaku.jp/kanagawa/>



■ If the Number of NHI Members Change (moving to/from Chigasaki, birth/death, membership to/termination from Employees' Health Insurance, etc.)

1. You must file a notification within 14 days to the Health Insurance & Pension Division (Window No.4) of Chigasaki City Hall or Administrative Centers.

- ◆ If you fail to notify of your withdrawal from NHI, you will be unable to use your NHI card, beginning on the day following the loss of your NHI status. If you inadvertently use the card to receive medical treatment, you will be required to pay back the amount covered by NHI. Moreover, NHI will continue to charge your premiums, which you will have to pay.
- ◆ If the information on the NHI certification has changed due to the cases such as change of address, change of name, or change of household owner, then it will be necessary to bring the NHI card and replace it.
- ◆ Those whose address has changed due to moving-in or change of address should report the change of address to the post office. If it is not reported then items such as the NHI card and Notification for NHI Payment may not be received.

2. How NHI Premiums are Determined

If there is a change in members, then the premiums will be recalculated from the month membership was obtained or terminated. Premiums will be revised in the month following the report: (however, if NHI membership was obtained or terminated after April 1st, and filed during from April to May, then the Notification of Determination for the Fiscal Year will be sent in July).

■ For those with "person with designated skills" residence status

For your visa renewal, starting April 2019, submission of a copy of NHI card and along with a proof of payment certificate for the NHI program may be required.

- ◆ You can get information necessary for daily life such as medical care, health welfare, child-raising, etc. For those who want to know more, please go to the web-site of "Multilingual Navi Kanagawa".

TEL. 045-316-2770

URL:<http://www.kifjp.org/kmlc>

