

### Authorization Standards for Patients with Serious Diseases and Specific Pediatric Chronic Diseases

1) Patients who are designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare (by Notice Number 1 of 462 from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare) as requiring continued treatment that is high cost and long term.

◇ Patients whose treatment is high cost and will continue over the long term can apply using a **separate form** for recognition as a patient with a serious disease. Patients who have received authorization as a patient with a serious disease can find the designated costs on a **separate chart** for the patient-borne costs (patient bears 20% of the costs).

◇ Patients who have treatments that are high cost and continue for the long term are defined as those having medical costs that exceed 50,000 yen for over six months under their medical insurance, based on the medical expense assistance for a specific pediatric chronic disease in one month.

2) Patients who are designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare (by Notice No. 2 of 462 from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare) as requiring especially burdensome medical treatment.

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◇ Patients who require especially burdensome treatment based on their physical conditions or the treatment applicable to a specific pediatric chronic disease can apply by using a **separate form** for recognition as a patient a serious disease. Patients who have received authorization as a patient with a serious disease can find the designated costs on a **separate chart** for the patient-borne costs (patient bears 20% of the costs).

◇ A patient with particularly burdensome medical treatment is someone who meets the requirements below in either a or b.

a. The patient is a child and has been acknowledged as having one of the diseases listed in the following chart and continues to suffer from at least one of the diseases on the same chart over the long term (six months or more).

Eligible positions	Conditions of the disease
Eyes	A patient who has a significant disability with their eyes (less than 0.04 vision in both eyes)
Auditory organ	A patient who has a significant auditory disability (a hearing ability in both ears of over 100 decibels)
Arms	<p>A patient who has a significant disability with their arms (complete loss of the ability to use arms)</p> <p>A patient who has a significant disability with the movement of their fingers (loss of all fingers from the base of both hands, or complete loss of the ability to move fingers)</p> <p>A patient who has a significant disability with part of their arm (loss of over half of one of their arms, or complete loss of the ability to move part of their arms)</p>
Legs	<p>A patient who has a significant disability with their legs (complete loss of the ability to move their legs)</p> <p>A patient who has lost a limb from their foot joint or more</p>
Trunk/spine	A disability severe enough that a child 1 year old or older cannot use the muscles in their trunk to sit
	or stand (a disability for a child 1 year old or older who cannot sit down on a chair, sit with their legs tucked under them, sit cross-legged or sit on their side, or cannot assume the decubitus position or cannot stand up on their own from a seated position without the help first of someone else, a pillar, a cane or other form of assistance or care)
Use of limbs	A disability affecting the use of the patient's body, or a disease that requires rest after long periods of activity and is recognized as being more severe than the other items in this chart (excluding the eye and auditory items), and makes management of daily life impossible (has completely lost the ability to use arms and legs or has an ability that severely limits the use of all four limbs)

b. Is a child with a specific pediatric chronic disease and has a disease with the characteristics of one of the disease groups on the following chart.

Disease groups	Disease characteristics
Malignant neoplasm	Has a transition or reoccurrence and is undertaking serious treatment
Chronic kidney disease	Undertaking hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis (including CAPD, continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis)
Chronic respiratory disease	Undertaking tracheostomy management or intubation
Chronic heart disease	Undertaking ventilator management or oxygen therapy
Inborn error of metabolism	Has an IQ of 20 or less, or is over 1 year old and is bedridden
Neuromuscular disease	Development or IQ is that of 20 or less, or is over 1 year old and is bedridden
Chronic digestive disorders	Undertaking tracheostomy management or intubation
Syndromes that relate to changes in chromosomes or genes	Applies to other items in this chart for treatment conditions
Skin disease	Development or IQ is that of 20 or less, or is over 1 year old and is bedridden

\*2) only applies to those eligible for transitional measures.

Reference notice: [Patients designated by the Minister for Health, Labour and Welfare \(notice number 462 from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare\)](#)

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