

## To Those in the Medical Field

### Designated Medical Practitioners and Designated Medical Facilities

Under the medical expense assistance system for specific pediatric chronic diseases, the physicians who prepare the medical opinion documents necessary for medical expense assistance applications are designated in advance as “designated physicians” by the governor or other officials of each prefecture. After referring to the information below, please submit an application to the prefectural governor, head of designated city, or head of core city that has jurisdiction over the medical facility at which you work.

#### 1. Requirements for a Designated Physician

A “designated physician” is a physician that fulfills any of the following criteria:

- 1) Has at least five years of experience\*1 engaging in the diagnosis or treatment of intractable diseases, in addition to being certified as a medical specialist \*2 by the relevant academic or scientific community; or
- 2) Has at least five years of experience\*1 engaging in the diagnosis or treatment of intractable diseases, in addition to having completed the training held by the prefecture.

\*1 Including the period for the clinical training stipulated by the Designated Physicians’ Act (Law No. 201,1948).

\*2 (Reference) The authorization and evaluation structure of the Japanese Board of Medical Specialties recognizes the basic categories of 18 specialist physician systems and subspecialties, as well as the 29 specialist physician systems (as of the end of September 2014).

<Notice>

“The qualifications for specialist physicians as designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare and designated under the Child Welfare Act in Article 7, Section 10(1)(1)”

(Notice number 465 from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

#### 2. Duties of a designated physician

A “designated physician” will have the following duties:

- Preparing the diagnosis document (document of medical opinion) necessary to apply for pay authorization for medical expense assistance for specific pediatric chronic diseases; and
- Entering the patient data (the result of the medical opinion) into the registration system.

### 3. Period of validity for a designated physician

The designation of designated physician is renewed every five years.

### 4. Procedure for applying for designation

Please contact your prefectural government or otherwise (prefecture, designated city, core city) that has jurisdiction over the medical facility at which you work to find out more about applying to be a “designated physician”.

都道府県知事等	Prefectural governor or equivalent
申請	Application
指定	Designation
医師	Physician

\*The prefectures make the following information available publicly on their websites:

1) Names of designated physicians, 2) the medical facilities they work at, and 3) the area of medicine they practice

### Medical Facilities for Designated Specific Pediatric Chronic Diseases

Under the medical expense assistance system for specific pediatric chronic diseases, patients with specific pediatric chronic diseases are eligible for medical expense assistance when receiving treatment designated in advance by the prefectural governor or equivalent only at a “designated medical facility for designated specific pediatric chronic diseases”. After referring to the below, please contact your prefectural government or otherwise (prefecture, designated city, core city) that has jurisdiction over the medical facility at which you work to find out more about applying.

#### 1. Requirements of a Designated Medical Facility

A “designated specific pediatric chronic diseases medical facility” is a medical facility that meets the following requirements:

- 1) A facility that takes medical insurance
- 2) A medical facility that has specialist physicians and, based on the facilities, is able to provide treatment for specific pediatric chronic diseases (same as the ongoing one).

都道府県知事等	Prefectural governor or equivalent
申請	Application
指定	Designation
病院、診療所、薬局又は訪問看護事業者※の開設者 ※健康保険法第88条第1項に規定する指定訪問看護看護事業者	Founder of the hospital, clinic, pharmacy or home nursing service* *A home nursing service as stipulated under Article 88, Section 1 of the Health Insurance Act

\*The prefectures additionally make the following information publicly available on their homepages:

- 1) Names of medical facilities and 2) their locations.

## 2. Renewal of Designation

Designation as a “designated specific pediatric chronic disease medical facility” is renewed on a six-year basis.

<Notice>

“Stipulations for Providing Medical Care for Designated Specific Pediatric Chronic Disease Medical Facilities” (Notice Number 466 from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

<Notification>

“About the Designation of Designated Specific Pediatric Chronic Disease Medical Facilities” (A notification from the Head of the Parent-Child Insurance Department of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare’s Equal Employment, Children and Families Bureau. December 11, 2014, Notification Number 1211-1)

\*Includes the tenets for designating designated specific pediatric chronic disease medical facilities, the designation application form, change notification form, renewal application form, and more.

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