

To expectant mothers and their families,

~Aiming for higher quality maternity care~

Guide to The Japan Obstetric Compensation System for Cerebral Palsy

The desire of all expectant mothers and their families is the safe delivery of a healthy baby. Our doctors and midwives do their best to achieve that. Unfortunately, however, there are times when babies who are born with disabilities due to unexpected reasons. The childbirth facility participates in “The Japan Obstetric Compensation System for Cerebral Palsy,” in order to provide support for babies who developed severe cerebral palsy related to brain injuries during childbirth, and their families.

What is The Japan Obstetric Compensation System for Cerebral Palsy?

In addition to quickly providing monetary compensation for babies with severe cerebral palsy related to brain injuries during childbirth and their families, our hospital staff strives for the prevention and early settlement of disputes, and the improvement in the quality of maternity care, by analyzing the causes of accidents and providing beneficial information in order to prevent further similar accidents. This system provides maternity care to expectant mothers with sense of security. The childbirth facility compensation system is backed by private indemnity insurance.

Persons eligible for compensation

Compensation is provided to babies with cerebral palsy who have been approved as fulfilling the following criteria by a reviewing of the operating organization, and were born though the delivery under the childbirth facility's management after January 1, 2009.

Furthermore, in cases where birth weight and pregnancy do not meet the above criteria, but the baby is delivered after 28 weeks, it may still be subject for compensation on a “case-by-case review.”

Cases of disability due to congenital reasons or factors during the neonatal period or later, etc, are not covered under the compensation system.

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Birth weight more than 2,000 grams and pregnancy longer than 33 weeks.

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Severe disability due to cerebral palsy which is certified as 1st or 2nd degree severity according to the Japanese Social Welfare System.

Compensation Details

For babies certified with severe cerebral palsy related to brain injuries during childbirth, a lump-sum of 6 million yen will be paid for preparation, and 24 million yen will be provided in installments (for a total of 30 million yen for compensation).

To provide the foundation expenses for nursing case

Lump-sum payment for preparation: **6 million yen**



To provide nursing care expenses

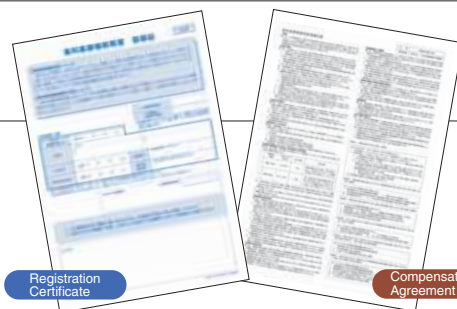
Installment compensation payment: total **24 million yen**

(1.2 million yen, 20 time-installments)

Reminders for Expectant mothers

The childbirth facility will issue a “Registration Certificate” identifying all expectant mothers under the management of this hospital as eligible for application to this compensation system. Please fill in this certificate (the compensation agreement is printed on the back).

Please keep the “Registration Certificate” in a safe place for at least 5 years after childbirth, such as in your “Mother and Child Health Handbook.”



Operating organization

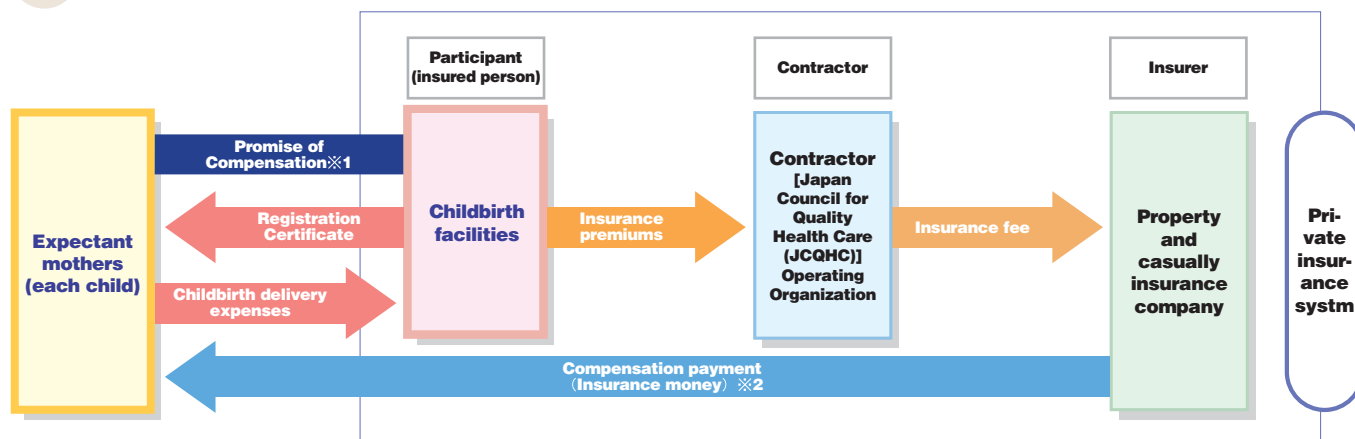


Japan Council for Quality Health Care (JCQHC)

(Jurisdiction of the MHLW : Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

System Structure

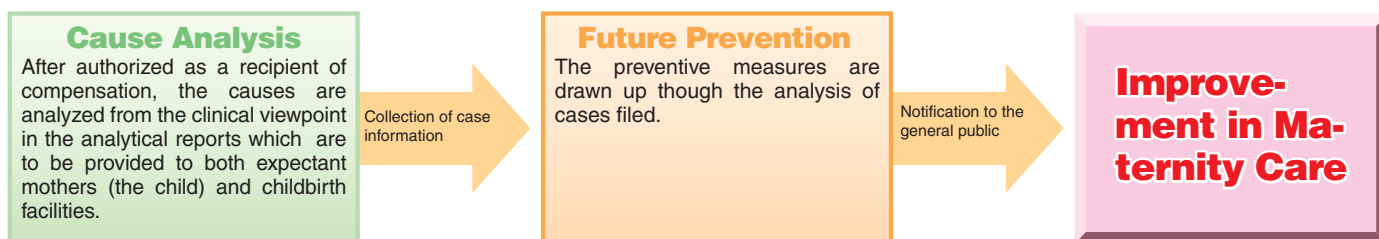
Compensation



- 1 The compensation is promised under the standard compensation agreements regulated by the operating organization.
- 2 If you are approved as a recipient of compensation by the operating organization, the operating organization will apply to the insurance for payment as a deputy of the affiliated childbirth facility. Also, the insurance company will provide the compensation payment.

The childbirth facility participates in this system, so insurance premiums for compensation are paid by the childbirth facility. 30,000 yen will be added to the lump-sum allowance for deliveries at the affiliated childbirth facility (deliveries after the 22nd week).

Cause Analysis and Future Prevention



Application for Compensation

Application for compensation can be made one year after childbirth or later until the child's 5th birthday. However, if babies can be diagnosed as having cerebral palsy due to severe symptoms and specific clinical findings, application can be made from 6 months after childbirth.

Please note that, in cases where the criteria for compensation is not satisfied, the main cause of severe cerebral palsy is congenital or a cause during the neonatal period or later, or the child died at less than 6 months after childbirth, the child cannot be authorized as a recipient of compensation.

Regarding a specific application details, please consult with your childbirth facility or operating organization- Japan Council for Quality Health Care. (Tel: 03-5800-2231)

Other Points to Remember

- 1) Only births at childbirth facilities which participate in "The Japan Obstetric Compensation System for Cerebral Palsy" are eligible for compensation by this system.
In the event you change your childbirth facility, please check the website of Japan Council for Quality Health Care (<http://www.sanka-hp.jcqhc.or.jp/>) to confirm if your new childbirth facility is a participating member in advance.
- 2) If you accept payment for damages due to malpractice from the childbirth facility, double payment of compensation (i.e. compensation payment and liability payment) is not allowed.
- 3) Regarding details of this system, please see the compensation agreement or visit Japan Council for Quality Health Care website. (<http://www.sanka-hp.jcqhc.or.jp/>)

For inquiries regarding the "The Japan Obstetric Compensation System for Cerebral Palsy"

Japan Obstetric Compensation System for Cerebral Palsy Special Call Center

Tel: 03-5800-2231

Hours: 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. (closed Saturday and Sunday)

The call center operators only speak Japanese. Sorry for any inconvenience.



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