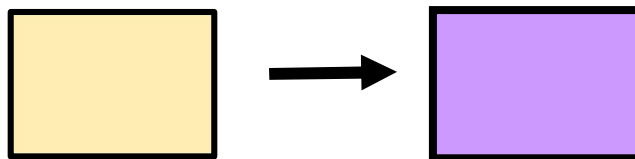


National Health Insurance Cards are Changing Color!



From Thurs 1 August, National Health Insurance Cards will be updated. They will change from cream to violet. The new health insurance cards will be sent to the head of your household from mid-July (the cards will be addressed to the head of the household, even if they are not enrolled in National Health Insurance themselves). Once your new card arrives, check the details that are written on it, and report any mistakes to the Insurance & Pension Division for your ward.

- The last four digits of your individual number will be listed on your health insurance card. Please check this number and contact the Insurance & Pension Management Division if there is a mistake.

To those who have applied for simplified registered mail (簡易書留郵便, *kan'i kakitome yubin*)

If no one is there to receive the package at the time of delivery, the delivery person will leave a note telling you the package is being kept at the post office. Please apply to the post office for redelivery.



Period of validity

The violet health insurance card you will be receiving can be used up until the period of validity expires on 31 July 2025. It can be used even after paper health insurance cards are discontinued on 2 December 2024, so please do not throw it away.

Persons who will turn 70 by next year July

The health insurance card we will be sending is valid until the end of the month in which you turn 70 (or the month before, if you turn 70 on the first day of the month). Before the health insurance card expires, a “combined health insurance and elderly recipient card” (被保険者証兼高齢受給者証/*hihokensha sho ken kourei jukyusha sho*) will be sent to your head of household, bearing the co-payment ratio.

Persons who will turn 75 by next year July

The “combined health insurance and elderly recipient card” we will be sending is valid until the day you turn 75. We will send you your Medical Care System for the Elderly Aged 75 or Over Card (後期高齢者医療被保険者証/*koki koreisha iryo hihokensha sho*) before your 75th birthday.

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