## 4. Benefits of Using a Maina Health Insurance Card

By using a Maina Health Insurance Card (linking your health insurance information to your My Number Card), you can receive exemption from medical payments that exceed your copayment ceiling, even without an Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application (限度額適用認定証, *gendogaku tekiyo ninteisho*) or Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application and Reduction of the Standard Amount of Patient Liability (限度 額適用・標準負担額減額認定証, *gendogaku tekiyo*/hyojun futangaku gengaku ninteisho).



## What is an Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application?

When your medical fees for a specific month become very high, this certificate, when presented along with your health insurance card, ensures that your payment to a medical institution does not exceed the limit of your copayment amount. To receive this certificate, you need to apply in advance at a Ward Office Insurance & Pension Division or at the Kambara Branch Office.

However, presenting your **Maina Health Insurance Card** (My Number Card) at a medical institution that accepts their use, now enables the staff to confirm your certificate information online. This means you can receive **exemption from medical payments** that exceed your copayment ceiling without having to apply in advance at a Ward Office.

For municipal-residence-tax-exempt households, in cases where you wish to receive a reduction in the copayment amount for inpatient dietary treatment relating to a hospital stay exceeding 90 days in the last 12 months, you will still need to apply for issuance of an Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application and Reduction of the Standard Amount of Patient Liability showing long term applicability.

\*Eligibility information cannot be confirmed in cases where health insurance payments are in arrears. In addition, the ceiling amount may not be accurate for those who have just moved into the city, or were late in submitting tax returns, etc.

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