

Information on Admission and Medical Support of WeFriends Aid

1. What is WeFriends Aid?

It is a system for migrants who are not eligible for National Health Insurance coverage to solve their medical issues by joining and helping mutually.

2. Admission eligibility and admission method

1) Eligibility

Migrants and their children, refugee applicants, and/or stateless persons who are not covered by National Health Insurance residing in Korea for six months or longer

2) How to join WeFriend Aid as a migrant?

(1) Please find your nearest WeFriends Aid Cooperative Counseling Center ("Counseling Center") to visit with the following items.

- ① A copy of your passport
- ② Two copies of your face photo (passport photo size)
- ③ Admission fee 10,000 won + first monthly fee 10,000 won = 20,000won
(You may pay 10,000 won for membership fee every month after that.)

(2) Child of a member

Each spouse should join WeFriends Aid and each adult can designate up to two children as his or her dependent. Monthly fee is 10,000 won if you have only one child and 15,000 won if you have two children.

3. Information on use of WeFriends Aid

1) Payment of membership fee

Pay your monthly fee and get a confirmation stamp on the Migrant Care Card every month.

If you have not paid your membership fee three months in a row, you are not available to get medical expense subsidy.

2) Use of medical facility

Because the Migrant Care Card issued to you is available only at WeFriends Aid partner medical facilities, please be informed get information on the available

medical facilities at the Counseling Center you have registered with.

3) How to claim for the medical fee?

You should pay your medical fee out of your pocket at a medical facility and then claim for the medical expense subsidy at a Counseling Center. Please request it at the Counseling Center you initially joined with required documents of original receipt of medical care bill, a copy of medical certificate (medical note), and WeFriends Aid member card or passport.

However, in case of emergency care fee claim, you can request it at either the Counseling Center you initially registered with or the Social Welfare Desk of the hospital where you are being treated.

4) What are the benefits if I join WeFriends Aid?

(1) Immediately after joining WeFriends Aid

- ① At our partner medical facilities, you are exempted from paying 100 % level of unit of care cost set by the national health insurance corporation. However, it is not applied to the cares and tests which are not covered by the insurance as those items do not have the unit costs.

(2) Three months after signing up with WeFriends Aid

- ① If you are being treated as an outpatient at a partner medical facility and the medical fee is exceeding 100,000 won per day (medication fee included), 40% of total medical bill is subsidized (annual limit is 700,000 won)
- ② If you are hospitalized and undergo a surgery, up to 50% of your medical expenses within 1,000,000 won is subsidized up to twice a year (except for non-insurance covered items such as upper grade room fee).
- ③ If a migrant dies while he or she is treated at a WeFriends Aid partner medical facility, then WeFriends Aid supports the hospital fee within the maximum payment limit. In this case, the Counseling Center where the deceased WeFriends Aid member was last active is his or her delegator, and an official seal of such center should be stamped on the medical expense claim form.

(3) Priority support for emergency care expenses

- ① A patient requiring acute medical treatment (emergency treatment)
- ② patient requiring emergency surgery
- ③ patient who needs acute treatment including surgery in 72 hours

(4) Annual limit of subsidized medical expenses

The maximum amount of subsidy is 1,000,000 won per care, and it is available up to twice a year. However, this provision is flexible if there is a resource from a different fund.

5) Medical expense subsidy is not provided for the following cases

- (1) Care that occurred six months before the application date

- (2) Industrial accident
- (3) Injury (including assault and self-injury) and traffic accidents
- (4) Plastic surgery, dermatology, or dental treatment which are not for functional problems
- (5) In the case of chronic diseases requiring continuous treatment such as cancer surgery, chemotherapy, kidney dialysis, organ transplantation, or infertility treatment
- (6) Legal infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, Hansen's disease, and AIDS
- (7) Delivery cost
- (8) A migrant who entered Korea for treatment purposes



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