# Dependent Eligibility Survey (Validation)

Based on Article 50 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Health Insurance Act, we are conducting this survey to review eligibility of dependents.

Please confirm the details of the record, attach the documents listed as required for submission and send them back using the envelope provided.

This survey is intended to confirm that your household members listed as dependents continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

If a person who is no longer eligible is kept on the list of dependents, it would negatively affect many aspects of the payment system including insurance benefits and contributions.

We, therefore, would like to request your cooperation in filling out the Dependent Eligibility Survey form.

Be sure to submit the Dependent Survey Form and other required documents. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of the health insurance card of the relevant dependent. (Article 50, Paragraph 7 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Health Insurance Act)

Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation.

Subject to the survey:

Dependents aged 20 or over (as of April 1, 2020) Note that this survey excludes those certified as dependents on or after April 2, 2020.

Documents for submission:

- ▶ Health Insurance Dependent Eligibility Survey Form (健康保険被扶養者確認調書)
- > Certificate documents (income verification, remittance to dependent verification, etc.)

Deadline for submission: Friday, October 30, 2020

Enclosed:

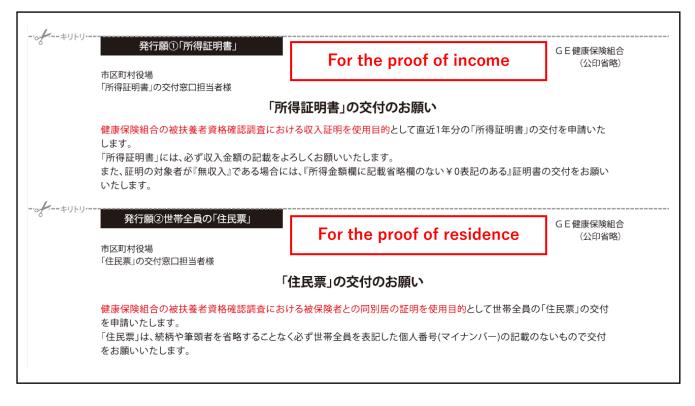
- Dependent Survey Form
- Return envelope

Contact information: TEL0800-800-3587(Weekdays from 9:00 to 5:00) Japanese Only

## 1. Flow of Dependent Eligibility Survey

- ① Please confirm that your household members listed as dependents continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
- ② Please check the details and answer the questions on the Dependent Eligibility Form.
- ③ Please get the proof of income (所得証明書) and proof of residence document (住民票) from the city office.

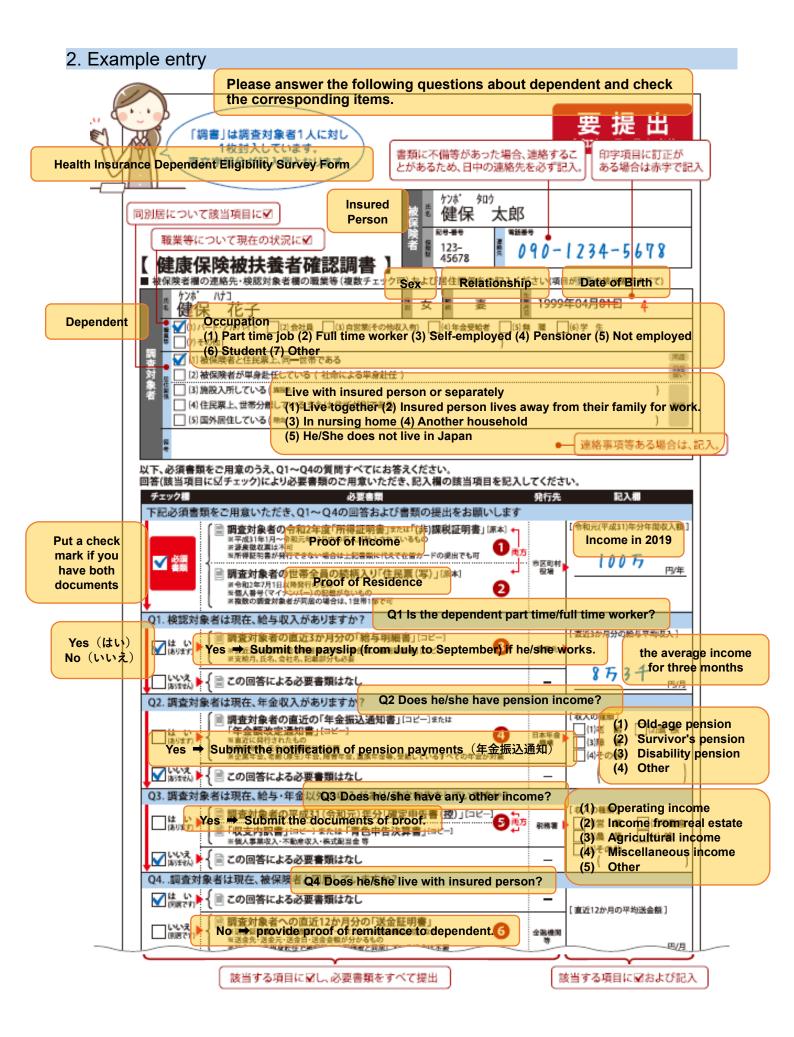
\*To make the process go more smoothly please take these instructions to the ward office.



④ Frequently asked questions

We apologize that "Frequently asked questions" are only in Japanese. Please contact GE Health Insurance Association office by email.

- 5 Please submit the Dependent Eligibility Form and necessary documents in the return envelope.
- 6 You must take specific steps if a dependent is no longer eligible as a dependent, for reasons such as employment, living apart from the insured person.

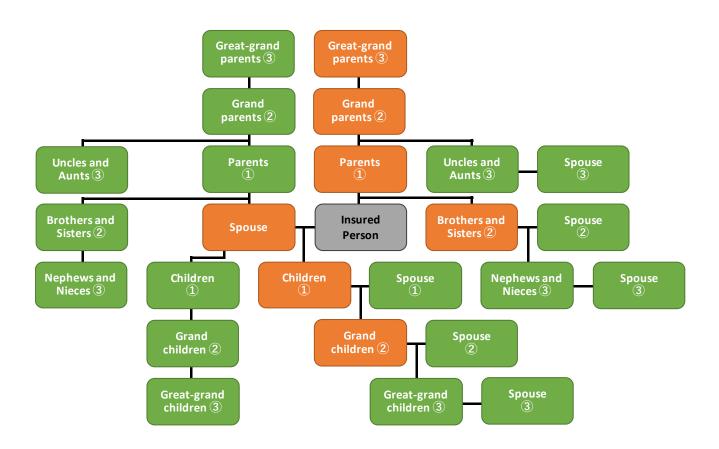


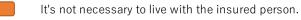
# 3. Criteria for Certification of Dependents

#### **Extent of Family Relationship**

Only family members who are relatives up to the third degree of the insured person and are supported by the insured person financially are certified as dependents.

Dependent eligibility varies depending on whether the family member lives with the insured person.





- It's necessary to live with the insured person.
- 1 Relation in the first degree
- 2  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$  Relation in the second degree
- 3  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Relation}}$  in the third degree

#### **Income Criteria**

Both of the following two conditions need to be met for dependent family eligibility.

1. Income

Dependents' Age	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Daily Income
Less than 60	Less than 1.3 million yen	Less than 108,334 yen	Less than 3,612 yen
60 and over	Less than 1.8 million yen	Less than 150,000 yen	Less than 5,000 yen
Disability Pension Program	Less than 1.8 million yen	Less than 150,000 yen	Less than 5,000 yen

### 2. Belong to the same household or separated

If the family member lives	The annual income of the dependent is less than half of the income of the	
with the insured person*	insured person.	
If the family member lives	1 The amount provided by the insured person to the dependent is no more	
apart from the insured	than half of his/her annual income.	
person	2 The money transfer to the dependent is done every month on a regular	
	basis.	
	${}^{(3)}$ Official papers to prove the transfer are necessary, preferably bank transfer	
	records or any other means that would prove the money is transferred to	
	sustain the dependent's livelihood. Cash receipts not accepted.	

\* This refers to living in the same household and on the same household budgets as the insured person. The cases involving separate certificates of residence (separate heads of household) are regarded to constitute living separately in principle, since the household budgets in question are separate.

### Rationale Underlying the Domestic Residency Requirement

From April 2020, residency in Japan has been added as a requirement for certification of health insurance dependents. In principle, starting April 1, 2020, those who do not have home addresses in Japan cannot be certified as dependents (excluding  $1^{-5}$ ).

[Exceptions to the domestic residency requirement]

(1)Students studying abroad

②Family members accompanying an insured person who has accepted assignments abroad.

③Traveling abroad temporarily for sightseeing, recreation, volunteer activities, or other reasons unrelated to employment

(4) Those who enter a family relationship with an insured person who has accepted an assignment abroad.

(5)In addition to those described in (1)-(4) above, the dependent is based in Japan with a solid purpose to the stay or to travel abroad, and in consideration will be given to each exception case.