

# **Regulations Governing the Expenses Reduction, Exemption or Subsidy of Genetic Health Measures**

Attachment : Table 1 、 Table 2

Article 1 These regulations are formulated in accordance with the provisions stipulated in Paragraph 2, Article 16 of the Genetic Health Act.

Article 2 The genetic health measures for the expenses reduction, exemption or subsidy of these regulations are as follows:

1. Examinations for genetic diseases:

(1) Neonatal screening for inborn errors of metabolism identified by the central competent authority.

(2) Confirmatory diagnosis for neonatal screening for inborn errors of metabolism positive cases identified by the central competent authority.

(3) Thalassemia gene analysis.

(4) Blood cytogenetic testing.

(5) Prenatal genetic diagnosis, including cytogenetic testing, genetic testing, biochemical genetics or other prenatal genetic testing.

(6) Confirmatory diagnosis for the abortive tissue or the

stillbirth.

(7) Other genetic disease examinations identified by the central competent authority.

2. Psychiatric disease examinations.

3. Fertility regulation services: intrauterine contraceptive device.

4. Surgical sterilization.

5. Induced abortion.

Article 3 Those who are eligible for the previous genetic health measures shall be exempted from their expenses.

For the exempted expenses specified in the preceding paragraph, institutions that handle the genetic health measures may apply for the subsidies from the competent authorities.

Article 4 Regulations governing the items, eligible recipients and providers, amount of the expenses reduction or exemption, and the competent authorities for receiving the subsidy claims for the genetic health measures mentioned in

Article 2 are prescribed in Table 1.

The areas with limited medical resources for genetic health measures referred to in Table 1 of the preceding paragraph are

prescribed in Table 2.

Article 5 To apply for the subsidies of expense exemption or reduction of genetic health measures, the institutions shall prepare the application forms, the case records and other relevant documents.

Article 6 For the genetic health measures expenses subsidized under the Regulations, the competent agencies of central and municipal governments shall designate annual budgets.

Article 7 The Regulations takes effect from the date of its promulgation. Articles of the Regulations amended and promulgated on April 19, 2006 shall take effective on July1, 2006. Articles of the Regulations amended and promulgated on November 3, 2013 shall take effective on January 1, 2014.

**Table 1. Items, eligible recipients and providers, amount of expenses exemption or reduction, and the competent authorities for receiving the subsidy claims for the genetic health measures.**

| Items eligible for expenses exemption or reduction   | Recipients eligible for expenses exemption or reduction                  | Amount of expenses exemption or reduction   | Eligible providers   | Competent authorities for receiving the subsidy claims   |
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| <p>一、 Genetic disease examinations</p> <p>(一) Neonatal screening for inborn errors of metabolism.</p>  | <p>Newborn</p>   | <p>Each case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$200. However, case being listed in low income families, or those born in the medical or midwifery institution located in the areas with limited medical resources for genetic health measures are eligible for a reduction or exemption by NT\$550 per case.</p> | <p>The neonatal screening centers approved by the central competent authority.</p>   | <p>Ministry of Health and Welfare Health Promotion Administration; Municipal department of health.</p> |
| <p>(二) Confirmatory diagnosis for the neonatal screening for inborn errors of metabolism positive cases identified by the central competent authority.</p> | <p>Positive cases of newborn screening</p>                               | <p>Each case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$2,000. If the actual cost is less than NT\$2,000, it will be reduced or exempted according to the actual cost.</p>   | <p>The medical institutions for confirmatory diagnosis of neonatal screening.</p>    | <p>Ministry of Health and Welfare Health Promotion Administration; Municipal department of health</p>  |
| <p>(三) Thalassemia gene analysis</p>   | <p>Meet one of the following conditions:</p> <p>1. The couple's mean</p> | <p>Each case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$2,000. If the actual cost</p>  | <p>The genetic testing institutions approved by the central competent authority.</p> | <p>Ministry of Health and Welfare Health Promotion Administration; Municipal</p>                       |

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|                                | <p>corpuscular volumes are both under 80 fL/ red blood cell.</p> <p>2. Either expectant parent is a confirmed carrier for Thalassemia.</p>  | <p>is less than NT\$2,000, it will be reduced or exempted according to the actual cost.</p>  |  | department of health  |
| (四) Blood cytogenetic testing  | <p>Person or whose blood relative within the fourth degree of kinship is suspected to have genetic disease which requires further examination.</p>  | <p>Each case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$1,500. If the actual cost is less than NT\$1,500, it will be reduced or exempted according to the actual cost.</p>  | <p>The genetic testing institutions approved by the central competent authority.</p> | <p>Ministry of Health and Welfare Health Promotion Administration; Municipal department of health</p> |
| (五) Prenatal genetic Diagnosis |   |  |  |   |
| 1. Cytogenetic testing         | <p>Meet one of the following conditions:</p> <p>1. Pregnant woman aged 34 years and more.</p> <p>2. Pregnant woman who has been diagnosed or proven to have one of the following conditions:</p> <p>(1) She or her spouse has genetic disease.</p> <p>(2) Having birthed a prior abnormal baby.</p> | <p>Each case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$5,000. However, cases being listed in low income families, or those living in the areas with limited medical resources for genetic health measures are eligible for an additionally specimen collection expense reduction or exemption of</p> | <p>The genetic testing institutions approved by the central competent authority.</p> | <p>Ministry of Health and Welfare Health Promotion Administration; Municipal department of health</p> |

(3)Family with history of genetic diseases.

3. Serum screening of pregnant woman with risk of chromosomal abnormality of greater than

1/270.

4. Fetus suspected of abnormalities detected by prenatal ultrasound examination.

NT\$3,500 per case; if the actual charge is less than NT\$3500, it will be reduced or exempted according to the actual charge.

## 2 . Genetic testing

Pregnant woman diagnosed with fetuses affected with suspected genetic disorders.

Each case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$5,000. However, cases being listed in low income families, or those living in the areas with limited medical resources for genetic health measures are eligible for an additionally specimen collection expense reduction or exemption of NT\$3,500 per case; if the actual cost is less than NT\$3500, it will be reduced or exempted

The genetic testing institutions approved by the central competent authority.

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Municipal department of health

according to the actual cost.

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| 3. Biochemical genetics or other prenatal genetic diagnostic testing                      | <p>Pregnant woman who has been diagnosed or proven to have one of the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. She or her spouse has genetic disease.</li><li>2. Having birthed a prior abnormal baby.</li><li>3. Family with history of genetic diseases.</li><li>4. Fetus suspected of abnormalities detected by prenatal ultrasound examination.</li></ol> | <p>Each case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$2,000. However, cases being listed in low income families, or those living in the areas with limited medical resources for genetic health measures are eligible for an additionally specimen collection expense reduction or exemption of NT\$3,500 per case; if the actual cost is less than NT\$3500, it will be reduced or exempted according to the actual cost.</p> | <p>The genetic testing institutions approved by the central competent authority.</p>         | <p>Ministry of Health and Welfare Health Promotion Administration; Municipal department of health</p> |
| (六) Confirmatory diagnosis for the abortive tissues or the stillbirth                     | <p>Pregnant woman whose fetuses have abnormalities detected by prenatal genetic diagnosis</p>   | <p>Each case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$2,000.</p>   | <p>The genetic testing institutions approved by the central competent authority.</p>         | <p>Ministry of Health and Welfare Health Promotion Administration; Municipal department of health</p> |
| (七) Examinations for other genetic diseases identified by the central competent authority | <p>Person or whose blood relative within the fourth degree of kinship is suspected to have genetic</p>  | <p>Each case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$2,000. If the actual cost is less than NT\$2,000, it will</p>  | <p>The genetic disease testing institutions approved by the central competent authority.</p> | <p>Ministry of Health and Welfare Health Promotion Administration; Municipal department of health</p> |

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|  | disease which requires further examination.   | be reduced or exempted according to the actual cost.   |   |   |
| 二、Psychiatric disease examinations                   | Person or whose blood relative within the fourth degree of kinship is suspected to have psychiatric disease which requires further examination.   | Each case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$1,500.   | The psychiatric institutions accredited by the central competent authority.   | Municipal department of health; County(city) health bureau  |
| 三、Insertion of the intrauterine contraceptive device | <p>Woman or her spouse or child has one of the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Psychiatric disease.</li> <li>2. Genetic disease.</li> <li>3. Holding a disability manual or disability certificate.</li> <li>4. Being listed in low income families.</li> </ol> | Each case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$1,000; if the actual cost is less than NT\$1,000, it will be reduced or exempted according to the actual cost. | <p>Physician who conducts insertion of the intrauterine contraceptive device shall meet one of following qualifications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Possessing the Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialist certificate.</li> <li>2. Registered as a practitioner in Obstetrics and Gynecology service.</li> </ol> | Municipal department of health; County (city) health bureau |
| 四、Surgical sterilization                             | <p>Person or his/her spouse or child has one of the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Psychiatric disease.</li> <li>2. Genetic disease.</li> </ol>  | <p>Each tubal ligation case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$10,000.</p> <p>If the actual cost is less than NT\$10,000, it will be</p>                    | <p>Medical institutions:</p> <p>A physician who performs surgical sterilization shall meet one of the following qualifications:</p>   | Municipal department of health; County (city) health bureau |

3. Holding a disability manual or disability certificate  
4. Being listed in low income families.

reduced or exempted according to the actual cost. Each vasectomy case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$2,500. If the actual cost is less than NT\$2,500, it will be reduced or exempted according to the actual cost. In case that general anesthesia is indicated, each case will be eligible for an additional reduction or exemption of NT\$3,500. If the actual cost less than NT\$3,500, it will be reduced or exempted according to the actual cost.

1. Possessing Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery or Urology specialist certificate.  
2. Registered as a practitioner in Obstetrics & Gynecology, Surgery or Urology services.

## 五、Induced abortion

Woman conceived due to forced or lured sexual intercourse (relevant certifying documents required)

Each case is eligible for a reduction or exemption of NT\$3,000. If the actual cost is less than NT\$3,000, it will be reduced or exempted according to the actual cost.

Medical institutions: Physician who conducts induced abortion shall meet one of following qualifications:  
1. Possessing Obstetrics and Gynecology specialist

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certificate.

2. Registered as a  
practitioner in Obstetrics  
and Gynecology service.

Remarks:

一、For eligible recipients with registered domicile in the municipalities, the subsidy claims shall be forwarded to the municipal department of health. For those with registered domicile in the counties or cities, the subsidy claims shall be forwarded to the Ministry of Health and Welfare Health Promotion Administration or county (city) health bureau respectively as specified in individual item. For the foreigners or Chinese mainlanders without a domicile in Taiwan, it will be decided according to the domicile of his/ her spouse.

二、After receiving the subsidy claims, the county (city) health bureaus shall complete a primary verification before submitting to the Ministry of Health and Welfare Health Promotion Administration.

Table 2 The areas with limited medical resources for genetic health measures.

| County(City)      | District, Township and County-administered City  |
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| Yilan County      | Datong Township, Nan'ao Township   |
| New Taipei City   | Wulai District, Gongliao District, Shuangxi District, Pingxi District, Shiding District, Pinglin District  |
| Taoyuan City      | Fuxing District  |
| Hsinchu County    | Jianshi Township, Wufeng Township  |
| Miaoli County     | Tai'an Township, Nanzhuang Township, Shitan Township   |
| Taichung City     | Heping District  |
| Nantou County     | Xinyi Township, Ren'ai Township, Zhongliao Township  |
| Chiayi County     | Alishan Township, Dapu Township, Fanlu Township  |
| Tainan City       | Nanxi District, Nanhua District, Zuozhen District, Longqi District   |
| Kaohsiung City    | Maolin District, Taoyuan District, Namaxia District, Tianliao District, Liugui District, Jiashian District   |
| Pingtung County   | Sandimen Township, Wutai Township, Majia Township, Taiwu Township, Laiyi Township, Chunri Township, Shizi Township, Mudan Township, Liuqiu Township, Hengchun Township, Checheng Township, Manzhou Township, Fangshan Township |
|                   | Xiulin Township, Wanrong Township, Zhuoxi Township, Fenglin Township, Shoufeng Township, Guangfu Township, Ruisui Township, Fuli Township, Fengbin Township  |
| Hualien County    |  |
| Taitung County    | Haiduan Township, Yanping Township, Jinfeng Township, Daren Township, Lanyu Township, Ludao Township, Changbin Township, Luye Township, Beinan Township, Dawu Township, Donghe Township  |
| Penghu County     | Magong City, Huxi Township, Baisha Township, Xiyu Township, Wang'an Township, Qimei Township   |
| Kinmen County     | Jinsha Township, Lieyu Township, Jinhu Township, Wuqiu Township, Jinning Township, Jincheng Township   |
| Lienchiang County | Nangan Township, Beigan Township, Juguang Township, Dongyin Township   |