# **National Health Insurance Tax**

### Kokumin Kenkou Hokenzei

## ■ What is the National Health Insurance Program?

All people in Japan are required to enroll in medical insurance to ensure that we can receive medical care when we need. The National Health Insurance *Kokumin Kenkou Hoken* is one such medical insurance programs, and all of those who are not covered by Social Insurance *Shakai Hoken*, which is provided by an employer, or other insurance plans must enroll in the program.

You can receive medical care at a co-payment of 30% (20% for those 70 years old or over, in principle) when you present your health insurance card at a counter of a medical facility and the remaining 70% is borne by everyone who enrolls as health insurance tax.

#### ■ What is the National Health Insurance Tax?

One or more of your household members are currently enrolled in the city's National Health Insurance program and their health insurance tax is levied on the head of the household.

The tax is essential to support and maintain the program, so please make payments by their designated deadlines. In addition, please be aware that if you are in arrears, there is a possibility that you could NOT renew your visa. If you have difficulty paying tax by the allotted date, please come to the city hall for consultation.

## ■ How to Pay the Tax?

- 1. **Direct Debit:** Set up an automatic direct deposit with your bank or Japan Post Bank (specific application procedures are required).
- 2. **Use Payment Slip:** Take your payment slip (bill) and complete payment at a convenience store, bank, city hall, Community *Gyousei* Center (excluding Ota Community Center), service centers, etc.
- 3. **Cashless Payment:** Contact the Tax Collection Division below for details.

#### **Contact Information**

- ◆ Details of the Tax Levied:
  - National Health Insurance Division *Kokumin Kenkou Hoken-Ka* (Ota City Hall 1F / Counter 16) Tel: 0276-47-**1966**
- ◆ Enrollment or Withdrawal of the Program:

  National Health Insurance Division Kokumin Kenkou Hoken-Ka

  (Ota City Hall 1F / Counter 16) Tel: 0276-47-1825
- ◆ Consultations on Payment: Tax Collection Division Shunou-Ka
  (Ota City Hall 2F / Counter 23) Tel: 0276-47-1820