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ผู้มีสิทธิ์เข้ารับสิทธิ์สามารถขอได้ตามสัดส่วนต่อไปนี้:

(1) เป็นบุคคลที่มีสิทธิ์ตามที่กฎหมายกำหนด.
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2. วิธีการขอประโยชน์

ผู้มีสิทธิ์สามารถขอประโยชน์ได้ตามหมายความกรอบประเด็นที่กำหนดในบัตรประจำตัว ที่มาซึ่งได้รับใบแทนหรือที่ผู้มีสิทธิ์ขอได้จากหน่วยงานซึ่งมีอำนาจหน้าที่ตามกฎหมาย.

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