

## **The Relief System for Sufferers from Adverse Drug Reactions and Diseases Infected from Biological Products**

### **Overview**

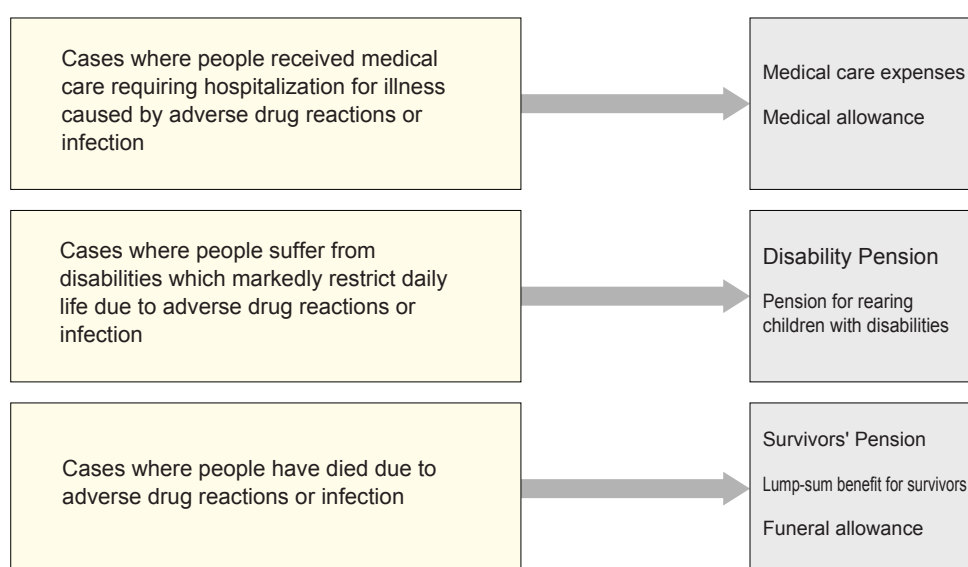
#### **[The Relief System for Sufferers from Adverse Drug Reactions]**

The purpose of this system is to provide various relief benefits and prompt relief to patients and their families, apart from civil liabilities, in relation to health damage caused by adverse reactions in spite of proper use of drugs. This system is operated by the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency.

#### **[The Relief System for Sufferers from Diseases Infected from Biological Products]**

The purpose of this system is to provide various relief benefits, as in the relief system for sufferers from adverse drug reactions, in relation to health damage caused by infection in spite of proper use of biological products. This system is also operated by the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency.

#### **[Types of Relief Benefits]**



#### **[Activities on the Relief for Caused Damages]**

The Agency (former Organization for Drug ADR Relief, R&D Promotion and product Review), since 1979, has been commissioned by pharmaceutical enterprises and the government to pay health management allowances, etc. to SMON (subacute myelo-optico-neuropathy) patients who have settled the lawsuit out of court.

#### **[The Relief Program for AIDS patients, etc. caused by Blood Products]**

A survey and research program has been carried out since FY 1993 for helping HIV carriers infected through the use of contaminated blood products to prevent them from developing symptoms. For the prevention of the onset of AIDS and for health management in daily life, the government provides health management expenses and in turn requests the carriers report their health status.

Since FY 1996, assistance on health management expenses has been provided for the health management of people who developed AIDS and accepted the court settlement.

### **Detailed Data Changes in the Status of Adverse Drug Reaction Relief (as of the end of each FY)**

	FY 1980-94	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Amount (¥1,000)	4,663,690	701,915	692,611	797,556	928,986	920,419	935,148	1,022,185	1,055,984	1,204,243	1,262,647	1,587,567	1,582,956
Number of claims (case)	2,151	217	297	399	361	389	480	483	629	793	769	760	788
Number of payments (case)	1,714	172	190	294	306	289	343	352	352	465	513	836	676

Source: Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Agency