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To the press and whom it may concern,

## The results of 2020 Patient Survey (final data) are released.

At the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, we compiled the results of “Patient Survey (Final Data) 2020”, and hereby release them.

The objective of the Patient Survey is to investigate the condition of injuries and illnesses of patients who use medical facilities, and to obtain basic data for future medical administration. This survey is conducted every three years. This time, 6,284 hospitals, 5,868 medical clinics, and 1,277 dental clinics were selected from among medical facilities nationwide, covering approximately 2.11 million inpatients and outpatients who used these facilities and 1.04 million discharged patients.

The survey designated one day in October 2020 for inpatients and outpatients at each medical facility, and one month in September 2020 for patients discharged from hospitals as the survey period.

Please note that the 2020 survey was conducted under the influence of COVID-19. The estimated number of patients receiving medical treatment was revised, and the average length and number of days of stay for discharged patients were adjusted to the dates of hospitalization necessary for calculation purposes. (see (7) (8) in “8. Notes”)

### [Key points of the results of the survey]

#### [Estimated number of patients (per day)]

- Looking at the data by inpatient and outpatient, there were 1,211,000 inpatients and 7,138,000 outpatients. (Page No. 4, Table 1)

- Looking at the data by the most common injury and disease category, "Mental and behavioral disorders" accounted for 237,000 inpatients, "Diseases of the circulatory system" for 198,000, and "Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes" for 135,000. In the outpatient category, "Diseases of the digestive system" accounted for 1,271,000, "Factors influencing health status and contact with health services" for 1,001,000 and "Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue" for 906,000. (Page No. 6, Table 2)

#### [Estimated rate of patients (Estimated number of patients (per day) per 100,000 population)]

- Looking at the data by inpatient and outpatient, inpatients numbered 960 (910 males, 1,007 females) and outpatients totaled 5,658 (4,971 males, 6,308 females). (Page No. 9, Table 4)
- By age group, the figure was the highest in the "65 and over" age group for both inpatients and outpatients. However, the yearly trend showed a downward trend. (Page No. 9, Figure 5)

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