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Results of

"Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care" for 2017

At the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, we compiled the results of "Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care" for 2017, and hereby release them.

The "Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care" is carried out to understand the use of long-term care services nationwide, their staff allocation and details of the services provided to the users, and to acquire basic data for measures concerning future long-term care services.

The latest Survey targeted all of the institutions and establishments in the Long-Term Care Insurance system* (a total of 385,959, including institutions covered by the Long-Term Care Insurance and establishments providing in-home services). It investigated the current status as of October 1, 2017.

We surveyed the numbers of such institutions and establishments as well as their capacities, which can be identified from the administrative information, using the basic questionnaire targeting the prefectures, and understand all of the numbers of the institutions and establishments. We also tabulated currently active institutions and establishments (a total of 376,861). In addition, we surveyed the numbers of their residents, users and workers based on the detailed questionnaire targeting the institutions and establishments, and tabulated the currently active institutions and establishments that had answered the questionnaire (a total of 325.553).

* They exclude home-visit rehabilitation, guidance for management of in-home medical long-term care, home-visit nursing and outpatient rehabilitation services (including services for preventive long-term care) deemed to be provided at medical facilities.

[Key Survey Results]

- 1. Basic questionnaire results
- The total number of establishments for long-term care services include 35,311 establishments for home-visit care (up by 298 from the previous year) and 23,597 establishments for outpatient day long-term care (up by 559 YoY).
- <See Table 1 on Page 3>
- The number of the Facilities Covered by Long-Term Care Insurance include 7,891 Welfare facilities for the elderly requiring long-term care (up by 186 YoY), 4,322 Long-term care health facilities (up by 81 YoY), and 1,196 Sanatorium medical facilities for the elderly requiring long-term care (down by 128 YoY). <See Table 1 on Page 3>
- 2. Detailed questionnaire results
- Regarding those who used long-term care services in September 2017, looking at the number of times per user by service type, "home-visit care" was used 19.7 times (previous year: 19.3 times) and "outpatient day long-term care" was used 9.1 times (previous year: 9.0 times).
- <See Table 8 on Page 9>
- Looking at the percentage distribution of the number of residents of the Facilities Covered by the Long-Term Care Insurance in each facilities type by level of long-term care need, "Care Level 4" accounts for the highest percentage: 36.8% in Welfare facilities for the elderly requiring long-term care, and 26.7% in Long-term care health facilities.
- <See Figure 4 on Page 12>