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Social welfare foundations are juridical persons established under the Social Welfare Service Law for the purpose of conducting social welfare services(Category I and Category II social welfare services) prescribed in Article 2 of the Social Welfare Service Law.

Due to the public nature of social welfare services, regulation for the establishment and management of social welfare foundations are more strict than civil law-based public service corporations.

License for the establishment, etc. of a social welfare foundation is issued by the prefectural government the mayor of designated city/core city. If its service encompasses 2 or more prefectures and 2 or more regions under jurisdiction of the regional Bureaus of Health and Welfare, by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, or if its service encompasses 2 or more prefecture and one region under jurisdiction of the Regional Bureau of Health and Welfare, by its Director.

### Category I Social Welfare Services

- Relief facilities and rehabilitation facilities prescribed in the Public Assistance Law
- Facilities that accommodate the indigent free or at low cost to help their living
- Programs that offer funeral benefits to the indigent
- Homes for infants, fatherless family daily living support facilities, residential care facilities for children, facilities for children with mental retardation, day care centers for children with mental retardation, facilities for blind children, facilities for children with auditory and speech disabilities, facilities for children with motional disabilities, hospital-homes for children with severe mental and physical disabilities, short-term treatment facilities for children with emotional disturbance, and children independence support facilities, specified in the Child Welfare Law
- Homes for the elderly, special nursing homes for the elderly and homes for the elderly with a moderate fee spesified in the Welfare Law for the Elderly
- Support facilities for People with Disabilities
- Rehabilitation assistance facilities for People with Physical Disabilities deemed manageable in accordance with the provisions then in force
- Rehabilitation assistance facilities for people with Mental Retardation deemed manageable in accordance with the provisions then in force
- Protective facilities for women under the Prostitution Prevention Law
- Sheltered workshops
- Programs that offer no- or low-interest loans to the indigent
- Programs to conduct community chest

### Category II Social Welfare Services

- Programs that provide daily necessities and cash to the indigent
- Livelihood counseling services for the indigent
- Children independence support programs, after-school healthy rearing programs for children, short-term child care support services, visiting program for all families with infant, visiting program for child care assistance, base location program for childrearing support in local communities,
- Delivery spaces for women with medical and financial programs, day care centers, children's recreation center, and support centers for families with children specified in the Child Welfare Law
- Counseling program to promote child welfare
- Daily life assistance service for fatherless families, Etc. Daily life assistance service for Widows, specified in the Law for the Welfare of Fatherless Families and Widows
- Welfare facilities for fatherless families specified in the Law for the Welfare of Fatherless Families and Windows
- In-home care for the elderly, day services for the elderly, short-stay programs for the elderly, multifunctional long-term care in a small group home, and programs for
- Day services centers for the elderly, short-stay facilities for the elderly, welfare centers for the elderly, and support centers for long-term care for the elderly specified in the Welfare Law for the Elderly
- Welfare services for persons with disabilities, counseling support programs, transportation support business, local activity support center, and welfare home specified in the Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities Act
- Daily living training programs for people with physical disabilities, sign language interpreter programs, or service dog training programs, or hearing dog training programs, specified in the Law for the Welfare of People with Physical Disabilities
- Welfare centers for physically disabled persons, prosthetic appliances manufacturing facilities, guide dog training facilities and infomation service facilities, for people with visual or auditory disabilities, specified in the Law for the Welfare of People with Physical Disabilities
- Counseling program for the rehabilitation of people with physical disabilities
- Counseling program for the rehabilitation of people with mental retardation
- Social rehabilitation facilities for people with mental disorder deemed manageable in accordance with the provisions then in force
- Programs that lease simple frame houses to the indigent at no or low cost or help them use hostels
- Facilities that provide medical treatment to the indigent at no or low cost
- Programs that help the indigent use health care facilities for the elderly requiring long-term care free or at low cost
- Neighborhood work
- Programs for assisting welfare service utilization
- Communication for various social welfare services
- Subsidy for various social welfare services