## **Provision of Medical Function Information**

Overview

## Create a system to obligate medical institutions to report certain information on medical functions to prefectures and prefectures to collect the information and provide it to the public in an understandable manner (a similar system is created with pharmacies) Medical Function Information Provision System · Provide collected information on internet, etc. Obligate managers of medical Prefectures in an understandable manner institutions to report certain Medical institutions Consultation and guidance by medical safety information on medical functions. support centers, etc Residents · "Certain information" can be viewed at medical institutions · Obligation to make efforts in actively providing accurate and proper information · Obligation to make efforts in appropriately responding to the consultation from patients, etc. [Basic information] (1) Name (2) Establisher (3) Managers (4) Adress (5) Phone number (6) Specialized treatment (7) Date of treatment (8) The number of beds by type (notified and approved) Certain information [All information other than basic information] (1) Matters regarding management, operation, and services (accessing methods, ability to cope with foreign language, medical expenses, etc.) (2) Matters regarding services and medical cooperation system (specialists [\*limited to those that are advertisable]), facilities, types of diseases and treatments that can be handled, availability of in-home medical care, availability of second opinion, regional medical cooperation system, etc. (3) Matters regarding achievements and results of medical care (medical safety measures, measures against hospital infection, implementation of critical paths, medical information management system, information disclosure system, availability of analysis on treatment results, number of patients, average length of hospital stay, etc.)

**Creation of Medical Function Information Provision System** 

## Provision of documented explanation at the time hospitalization (Medical Care Act) (revised in FY2006)

	tablish in the Medical Care Act that managers of hospitals and clinics formulate, issue, and explain treatm e beginning/end of hospitalization.	ent
Overview o	of the revised system]	
	provide treatment plans at the beginning of hospitalization	
•	medical institutions are obliged to prepare, issue, and appropriately explain treatment plans describing treat ed to patients during hospitalization.	nents
	managers are obliged to make efforts in reflecting knowledge of medical professionals of hospitals/clinic	s and
facilitate org	anic cooperation with them.	
	(Items to be described in the treatment plan)	
	◆ Name, date of birth, and gender of the patient	
	<ul> <li>Name of a doctor or dentist who is in charge of providing treatment to the patient</li> <li>Specify disease or injury that caused hospitalization and main symptoms</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Plans for providing examinations, surgeries, medications, and other treatments during hospitalization</li> </ul>	
	♦ Other items designated by the Ordinances of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare	
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Obligation to make efforts in providing recuperation plans at the end of hospitalization

- Managers of medical institutions are obliged to make efforts in preparing, issuing, and appropriately explaining recuperation plans describing matters regarding required health care, medical care, and welfare services after discharge.
- In so doting, managers are obliged to make efforts in cooperating with health care, medical care, and welfare service providers.

[Effects] • Improved information provision to patients • Improved informed consent • Promotion of team medical care
 • Enhanced cooperation with other medical institutions (so-called adjustment function for leaving hospital)

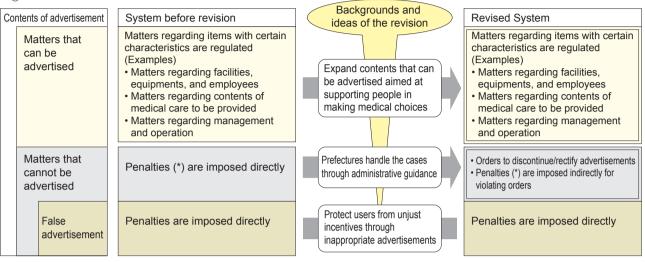
Promotion of evidence-based medicine (EBM), etc.

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Enforced April 1, 2007

## Expansion of Matters that can be Advertised with the Revision of Advertisement Regulations (Medical Care Act)

- With regards to regulation of matters that can be advertised under advertisement regulation system, the system has been revised such that items with certain characteristics are grouped and regulated comprehensively as "matters regarding ..." instead of listing individual matters one by one as conventionally done.
- → Substantial relaxation of advertisement regulation
- Revision from direct penalties to indirect penalties in case matters that are not advertisable are advertised



[Example of relaxed advertisements]

\* Imprisonment with work for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding ¥300,000.

• Specialities of medical professionals • Photographs and visual images of facilities and medical professionals • Treatment policies

General name/development code of investigational drugs
 Offerred treatments and its contents in understandable manner
 Matters regarding medical devices, etc.

(\* These information, however, must be in accordance with laws, regulations, and guidelines)