

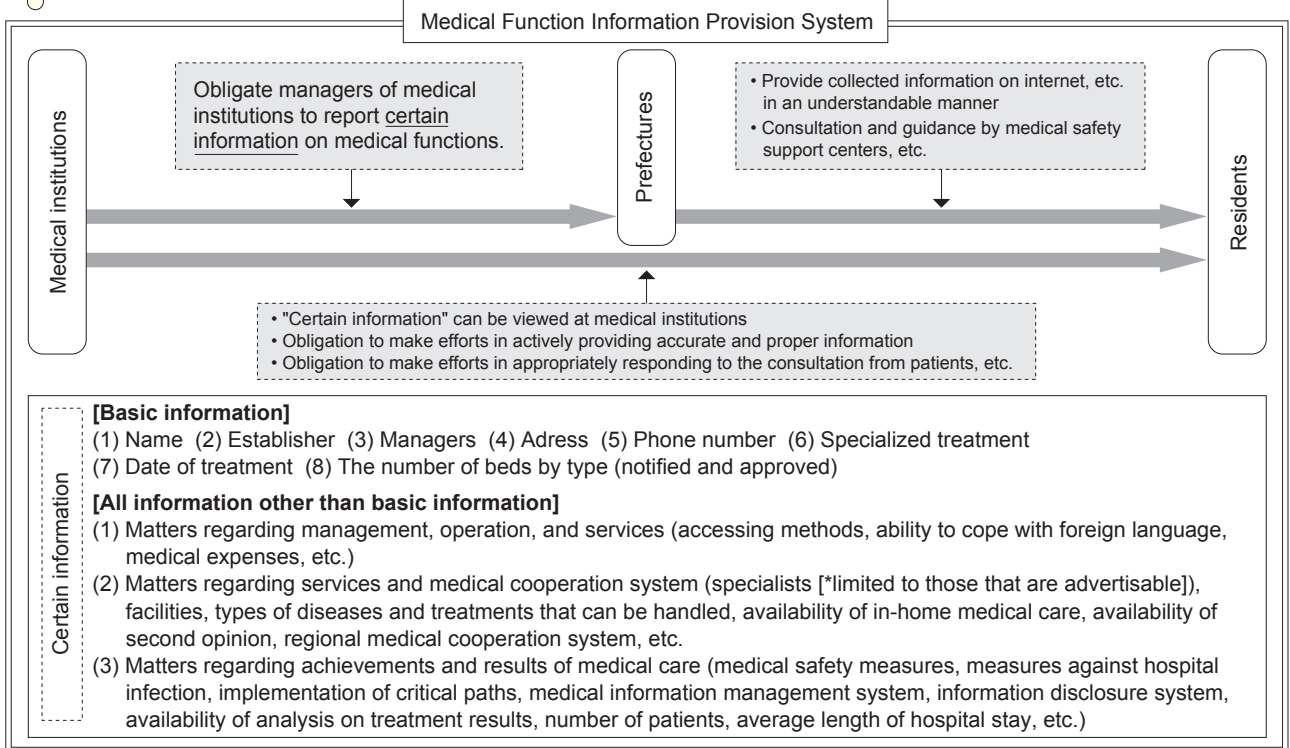
# Provision of Medical Function Information

## Overview

### Creation of Medical Function Information Provision System

Enforced April 1, 2007

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)



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

Legally establish in the Medical Care Act that managers of hospitals and clinics formulate, issue, and explain treatment plans at the beginning/end of hospitalization.

### [Overview of the revised system]

#### Obligation to provide treatment plans at the beginning of hospitalization

- Managers of medical institutions are obliged to prepare, issue, and appropriately explain treatment plans describing treatments to be provided to patients during hospitalization.
- In so doing, managers are obliged to make efforts in reflecting knowledge of medical professionals of hospitals/clinics and facilitate organic cooperation with them.

(Items to be described in the treatment plan)

- ◆ Name, date of birth, and gender of the patient
- ◆ Name of a doctor or dentist who is in charge of providing treatment to the patient
- ◆ Specify disease or injury that caused hospitalization and main symptoms
- ◆ Plans for providing examinations, surgeries, medications, and other treatments during hospitalization
- ◆ Other items designated by the Ordinances of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

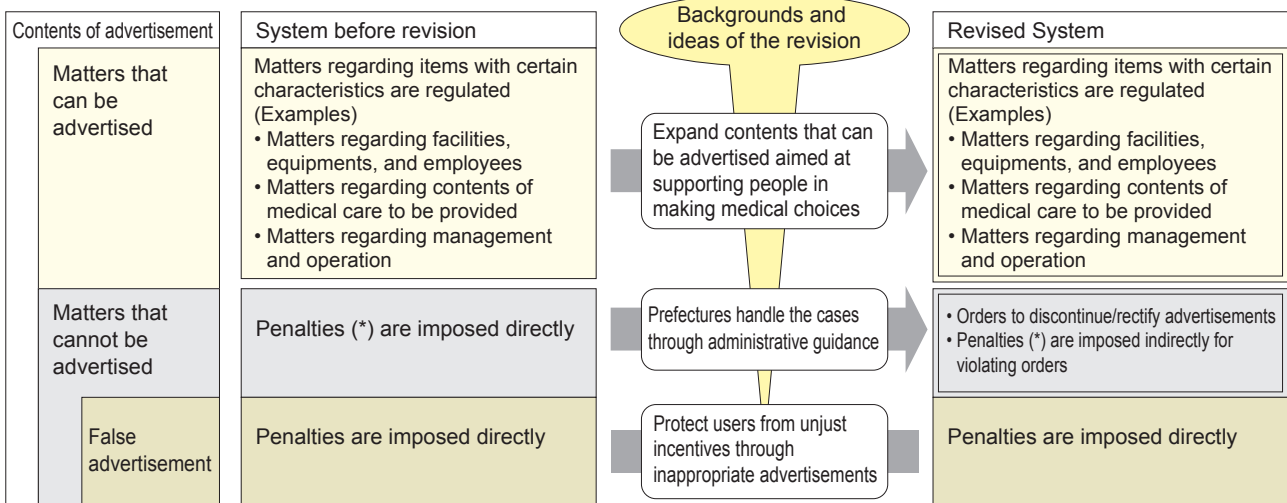
#### Obligation to make efforts in providing recuperation plans at the end of hospitalization

- 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 doing, 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.

## 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



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

### [Example of relaxed advertisements]

- Specialities of medical professionals
- Photographs and visual images of facilities and medical professionals
- Treatment policies
- General name/development code of investigational drugs
- Offered treatments and its contents in understandable manner
- Matters regarding medical devices, etc.

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