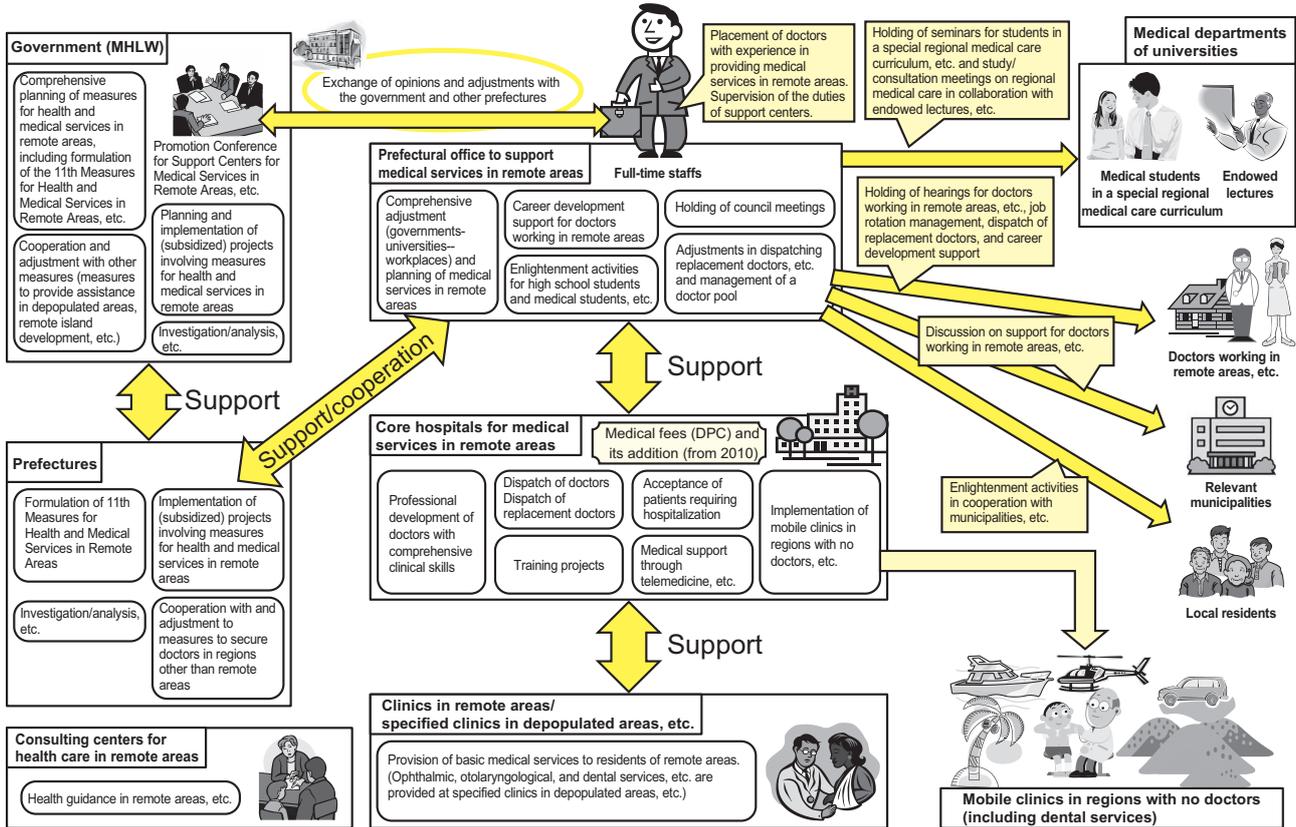


Medical Services in Remote Areas

Overview Structural Chart of 11th Measures for Health and Medical Services in Remote Areas (FY2011-2015)

Establish an effective, efficient, and sustainable system that can provide medical services in remote areas mainly via prefectural support centers for medical services in remote areas in cooperation with governments, doctors working in remote areas, facilities and institutions engaged in medical services in remote areas, and residents of remote areas, and through studying advanced cases in other prefectures.



Current Status of Measures for Health and Medical Services in Remote Areas

1. Efforts in plans for health and medical services in remote areas

As does the 10th plan, the new 11th plan for health and medical services in remote areas, which started in FY2011, provides that "prefectural office to support medical services in remote areas" are established in each prefecture to continue promoting broad-based measures for health and medical services in remote areas.

Year of investigation (once every 5 years)	Regions with no doctors	Subject population (10,000 persons)
1966	2,920	119
1973	2,088	77
1984	1,276	32
1999	914	20
2004	787	16.5
2009	705	13.6

* Regions with no doctors

Regions with no medical institutions in which population of 50 or more people live within a radius of approximately 4km from the major location of the region and it takes more than one hour one way to go to medical institutions using ordinary means of transportation.

2. Status of Establishment

- (1) Prefectural office to support medical services in remote areas (subject to assistance for operational expenses)
Scheduled to be established/operated in 39 prefectures as of the end of June 2011
- (2) Core hospitals for medical services in remote areas (subject to assistance of operational expenses, facility establishment expenses, and equipment installment expenses)
272 hospitals are designated as of April 30, 2010
- (3) Clinics for medical services in remote areas (subject to assistance of operational expenses, facility establishment expenses, and equipment installment expenses)
1,007 clinics (including National Health Insurance direct managed clinics) are established as of April 30, 2010