



Draft Budget Outline for Fiscal Year **2014**

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
(MHLW)

Overall picture of MHLW's draft budget (general account) for FY 2014

(Budget amount for FY 2013)
29 trillion 431.6 billion yen



(Budget amount for FY 2014)
30 trillion 743 billion yen

(Increase from FY 2013)
(+ 1 trillion 311.5 billion yen)

General Account

(Unit: 100 million yen)

Accounts	FY 2013 Budget amount (A)	FY 2014 Draft budget (B)	Change (FY 2013→FY 2014) (C) ((B) - (A))	% Change (FY2013→FY2014) (C) / (A)
General account	294,316	307,430	13,115	4.5%
Social security related expenses	289,397	302,251	12,854	4.4%
Other expenses	4,919	5,179	260	5.3%

[As a result of counting, the above allocations may shift to under different budget items.]

(Note 1) The budget amount for FY 2013 is the initial budget amount.

(Note 2) From October 2013, the account for disaster relief (500 million yen) is transferred to the Cabinet Office.

(Note 3) The counted numbers are rounded up or down; each number and the total of the numbers may not be consistent in terms of fractions.

Draft Budget (General Account) of MHLW for FY2014

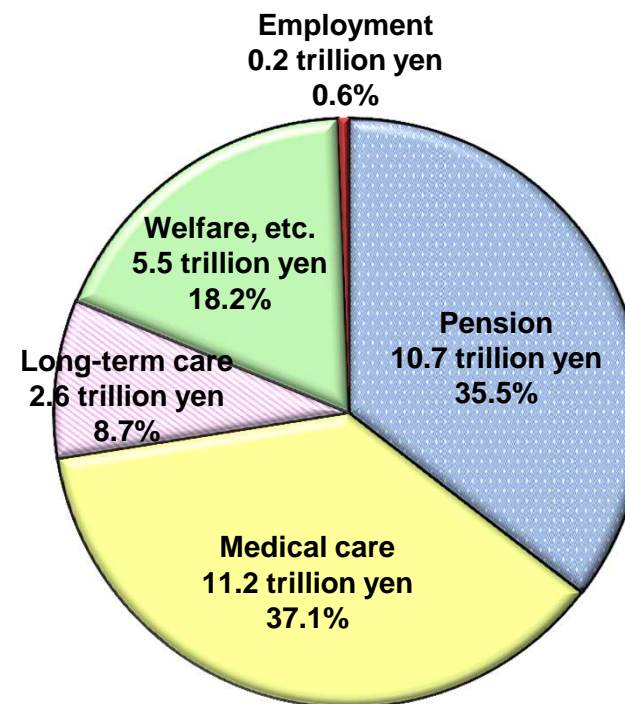
Breakdown of social security related expenses

[Comparison between the budget amount for FY 2013 and the draft budget for FY 2014 in terms of social security related expenses]

[Breakdown of social security related expenses under the draft budget for FY 2014]

(Unit: 100 million yen)

	FY 2013 Budget amount (A)	FY 2014 Draft budget (B)	Change (FY 2013→FY 2014) (C) ((B) - (A))	% Change (FY2013→FY2014) (C) / (A)
Social security related expenses	289,397	302,251	12,854	4.4%
Pension	104,279	107,166	2,887	2.8%
Medical care	105,587	111,990	6,403	6.1%
Long-term care	24,916	26,257	1,340	5.4%
Welfare, etc.	52,630	55,016	2,386	4.5%
Employment	1,985	1,822	△162	△8.2%



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Overall picture of MHLW's draft budget (special account) for FY 2014

Special account

(Unit: 100 million yen)

Accounts	FY 2013 Budget amount (A)	FY 2014 Draft budget (B)	Change (FY 2013→FY 2014) (C) ((B) - (A))	% Change (FY2013→FY2014) (C) / (A)
Special Account for Labour Insurance	36,937	37,000	63	0.2%
Special Account for Pensions	558,871	569,978	11,106	2.0%
Special Account for Recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake	447	484	37	8.2%

[As a result of counting, the above allocations may shift to different budget items.]

(Note 1) The budget amount for FY 2013 is the initial budget amount.

(Note 2) The amount of each special account is the net amount obtained by excluding the items transferred to other accounts from the total expenditure in each account.

(Note 3) Under the Special Account for Recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake, the account for disaster relief (52.9 billion yen) was transferred to the Cabinet Office from October 2013.

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Enhancement and stabilization of social security
under the comprehensive reform of tax and social security
for FY 2014

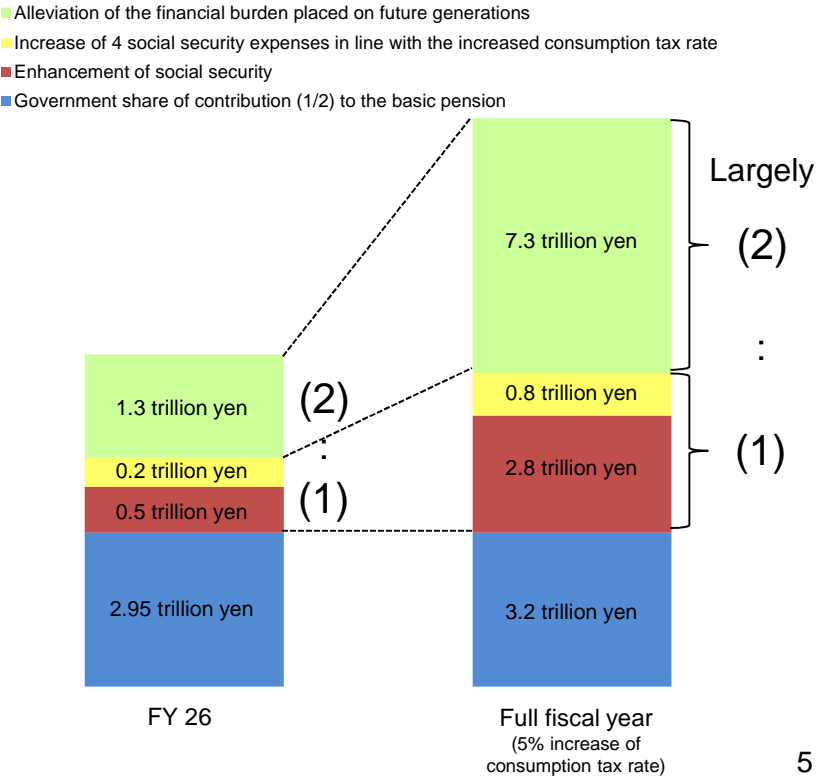
Enhancement and stabilization of social security in FY 2014

- The entire revenue from the increased consumption tax rate will be allocated for enhancement and stabilization of social security.
- From the perspective of simultaneously securing stable financial resources for social security and fiscal soundness, we will allocate the increased revenue of FY 2014 (5 trillion yen※) as follows.
 - (1) First, 2.95 trillion yen will be allocated to the government share of contribution (1/2) to the basic pension.
 - (2) Then the remaining amount will be allocated to each of the following purposes (largely at a ratio of 1:2) for a full fiscal year:
 - “Enhancement of social security” and “increase of 4 social security expenses in line with the increased consumption tax rate.”
 - “Alleviation of the financial burden placed on future generations.”

※ Consumption tax revenue will increase gradually, because the fiscal year of the government and that of tax payers are not always the same.

〈Breakdown of allocation of revenue from increased consumption tax for FY 2014〉	《Total of increased revenue: 5 trillion yen》
○ Government share of contribution (1/2) to the basic pension (Including expenses related to difference of the government share of contribution (1/2) to the basic pension in FY 2012 and 2013)	2.95 trillion yen
○ Enhancement of social security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement of support for children and childrearing • Enhancement of medical and long-term care • Improvement of the pension system 	0.5 trillion yen
○ Increase of 4 social security expenses in line with the increased consumption tax rate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase of medical fees, long-term care fees, expenses for support for childrearing, etc. in line with increase of commodity prices 	0.2 trillion yen
○ Alleviation of the financial burden placed on future generations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing social security expenses for which stable financial resources cannot be secured, including natural increase due to aging of the population 	1.3 trillion yen

(Reference) Illustration of calculation method



(Note) The amounts indicate public expenditure (total of national and local expenditures).

“Enhancement of social security” in FY 2014 (outline)

(Unit: 100 million yen)

Items		Program contents	Total (Note 1)	Total	
				National	Local
Enhancement of support for children and child-rearing		Promotion of elimination of children on waiting lists and enhancement of local support for children and child-rearing (Promotion of the “plan for accelerated elimination of children on waiting lists” and implementation of the program for emergent securing of childcare services)	2,915	1,348 (Note 3)	1,568
		Enhancement of social care	80	40	40
		Strengthening of economic support during the period of childcare leave	64	56	8
Enhancement of medical care and long-term care	Reform of system to provide medical and long-term care services	Promotion of clinical specialization and collaboration and home medical care, etc. (1) Revision of medical fees by effectively using financial resources from consumption tax (2) Establishment of new financial support system (※)	353 544	249 362	105 181
		Formation of integrated community care system (Such as enhancement of local support programs for dementia)	43	22	22
	Improvement of medical insurance system	Enhancement of measures to reduce insurance premiums of low-income earners, such as national health insurance premiums	612	0	612
		Revision of the high-cost medical care benefit system	42	37	5
	Action for intractable diseases, and specified chronic diseases in childhood	Establishment of fair and stable system for intractable diseases and specific chronic diseases in childhood	298	126	172
Improvement of pension system		Expansion of the survivor's basic pension for motherless families	10	10	0
Total			4,962	2,249	2,713

※ As a new financial support system (foundation) for reform of the health care delivery system, an extra measure of 36 billion yen (public expenditure) is separately implemented in addition to the above. As a result, the size of the foundation is 90.4 billion yen in total.

(Note 1) The amounts indicate public expenditure (total of national and local expenditures).

(Note 2) The counted numbers are rounded up or down; each number and the total of the numbers may not be consistent in terms of fractions

(Note 3) The national budget of the “program for emergent securing of childcare services”(104.3 billion yen) is allocated to the Cabinet Office; the national budget for childcare center operation expenses (30.4 billion yen) is allocated to MHLW.

Measures related to “enhancement of social security” in FY 2014

Enhancement of support for children and childrearing

《Amounts indicate public expenditure》

(Promotion of elimination of children on waiting lists and enhancement of local support for children and child-rearing)

《291.5 billion yen》

(1) Promotion of the “plan for accelerated elimination of children on waiting lists”

《184.1 billion yen》

○ It is planned that, before the implementation of the new support system for children and child-rearing (scheduled for FY 2015), we will aim to eliminate children on waiting lists by securing childcare services for about 200,000 children during the “emergent & intensive action period” (FY 2013 and 2014), and for about 400,000 children (including potential needs) by the end of FY 2015 when the need for childcare services will reach its peak.

(1) Expansion of the number of children accepted at childcare centers, etc.

We will aim to expand the number of children accepted at childcare centers, etc., by securing operation expenses for childcare centers in response to the expansion of childcare capacity, and promoting the following programs ahead of the new system.

- Promotion of small-sized childcare and family day care services (childcare provided at the caregivers’ home, etc.) in cooperation with childcare centers, etc.
- Promotion of extended-hours childcare at kindergartens
- Support for operation of non-registered childcare facilities which aim to be registered
- Support for operation of certified Centers for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC; childcare-center-type and kindergarten-type)

(2) Improvement of working conditions for nursery teachers

In order to procure nursery teachers who support childcare services, we will aim to improve their working conditions, by providing an extra amount in addition to ordinary operation expenses for childcare centers, thereby improving the wages of staff at private childcare centers according to their average number of years of continuous services.

(3) Support for users

We will provide locally accessible support for families with small children, so that they can, according to their needs, choose and use in their neighborhood appropriate educational and childcare facilities and child-support programs.

※ The expenses for the above program excluding the operation expenses for childcare centers are allocated to the Cabinet Office as expenses for the “program for emergent securement of childcare services.”

(2) Promotion of local support for children and child-rearing

(Program for emergent securement of childcare services)

《230.7 billion yen (Partially reshown)》

[If regrouped by expenses related to local support for children and child-rearing: 107.4 billion yen]

○ In order to enhance and promote policy measures, the program to be implemented by municipalities based on the new system, including establishment of after school children's clubs and local community child care support centers, will be implemented ahead of the schedule, as the "program for emergent securement of childcare services."

- Toward elimination of difficulties faced by families with school children using childcare services, we will promote extension of the opening hours of after school children's clubs so that users of childcare centers will be able to continuously and smoothly use the childcare services even after their children start school.
- By establishing community child care support centers, we will promote community child care support centers programs in which local networks of families raising children will be facilitated and childcare consultation services will be provided.
- We will promote temporary childcare programs in which infants are temporarily accepted at childcare centers, etc. and are provided with necessary care when it temporarily becomes difficult for their families to take care of them.
- We will promote family support center programs which will facilitate communication and coordination between people who want to leave their child in the care of others and people who can provide childcare as part of mutual support activities.

etc.

※ The expenses for the above program are allocated to the Cabinet Office as expenses for the "program for emergent securement of childcare services."

(Enhancement of social care)

《8 billion yen》

○ We will take action for the increasing number of children who are in need of social care such as abused children, and will promote such measures as group homes and small-sized group care so that the children will be able to receive care and support in a more homelike environment.

(Strengthening of economic support during the period of childcare leave)

《6.4 billion yen》

○ In order to further promote acquisition of childcare leave for both males and females and to support continuation of vocational life, we will submit to the ordinary session of the Diet in 2014 a bill to amend the Employment Insurance Act, by which we aim to increase the payment rate of the childcare leave benefit (50%→67% for the first 6 months).

Enhancement of medical care and long-term care

Reform of system to provide medical and long-term care services

(Promotion of clinical specialization and collaboration and home medical care, etc.) 《89.7 billion yen》

(1) Revision of medical fees in 2014 by effectively using financial resources from consumption tax 《35.3 billion yen》

○ In making efforts to promote specialization of medical institutions and collaboration between them and to enhance home medical care, etc., a certain portion of the budget for enhancement of social security, which is based on increased consumption tax revenue, will be allocated to the increased medical fees (for medical treatment), so that the transfer of patients from acute phase beds to beds accepting patients after the acute phase will be facilitated.

○ The medical fee revision in FY 2014 will be as follows:

※ The parenthesized figures indicate the portion addressing the cost increase in the taxable purchases by medical organizations, etc. in association with the increased consumption tax rate.

• Medical fees (for medical treatment) Revision rate +0.73% (+0.63%)

{	Revision rate of each division	Medical	+0.82% (+0.71%)
		Dentistry	+0.99% (+0.87%)
		Dispensing	+0.22% (+0.18%)

• Drug price revision, etc. Revision rate ▲0.63% (+0.73%)

{	Drug price revision	▲0.58% (+0.64%)
	Material price revision	▲0.05% (+0.09%)

(Reference) “Increase of 4 social security expenses in line with increased consumption tax rate”

(Measure toward the increased cost of “medical treatment” associated with the increased consumption tax rate

《189.9 billion yen》

○ As the measure toward the increased cost in medical organizations, etc. in association with the increased consumption tax rate, financial resources from the increased consumption tax revenue will be effectively used to take necessary measures for medical fees (the medical fee revision rate +1.36%).

(2) Establishment of new financial support system

《54.4 billion yen》※

- In order to secure and cultivate medical professionals, and to promote home medical care and clinical specialization and collaboration, we will submit to the ordinary session of the Diet in 2014 a bill to amend the related laws and regulations; thereby we aim to establish a new financial support system (funds will be established in each prefecture) as included in the Social Security System Reform Program Act.

In the basic policies and payment guidelines formulated by the national government, we plan to make requests to the prefectures to ensure fair distribution between the public sector and private sector.

- ※ In addition to the above, extra measures of 36 billion yen (public expenditure) will be separately implemented for the new financial support system (funds). As a result, the size of the funds will be a public expenditure of 90.4 billion yen (total of 54.4 billion yen for effective use of increased consumption tax revenue, and 36 billion yen for other extra measures).

[Target programs (tentative)] ※ To be decided after the bill to amend related laws and regulations is enacted

(1) Securement and cultivation of medical professionals

- a) As a measure for securing doctors, we will provide financial support for strengthening of consultation and support functions toward securement of doctors in prefectures (including the program for regional lending of student loans), for the program to secure human resources required for community health care and programs to secure doctors for departments with doctor numbers (such as obstetrics), and for the support of reinstatement of female doctors.
- b) As a measure for securing nursing staff, etc., we will provide financial support for training of new nursing staff, etc., for the program to prevent separation of nurses, etc. and to promote a stabilized nursing workforce, and for operation of nurse training schools, etc.
- c) As a measure to improve the working environment of medical professionals, we will provide financial support for establishing a support system toward improvement of the working environment for medical professionals in each prefecture, and for operation of in-hospital childcare centers.

(2) Promotion of home medical care (including dentistry)

We will provide financial support for establishing the centers and support system for home medical care, and for businesses contributing to the securement and cultivation of human resources who will support home medical care and home-visit nursing care.

(3) Development of infrastructure toward reform of the medical care provision system

We will provide financial support for developing local infrastructure of the medical care network effectively using ICT, for developing infrastructure to promote clinical specialization and collaboration, and for facilities and equipment of medical organizations contributing to securement of medical professionals, etc.

With respect to the development of infrastructure to promote differentiation and collaboration of clinical bed function, we will take action only for issues which we must deal with under the current circumstances in FY 2014 (including transfer to convalescent beds); we will consider further enhancement from FY 2015, after the formulation of the vision for local medical care in each prefecture.

(Establishment of integrated community care system)

《4.3 billion yen》

(1) Enhancement of local support programs for dementia

《3.3 billion yen》

- With the aim of providing support for the people with dementia and their families at an early stage, we will newly establish “early stage intensive support teams for dementia” (100 locations), appoint “local support promoters for dementia” (275 locations → 470 locations), and enhance support for families looking after a member with dementia and for collaborative training attended by various types of professionals, as part of a local support program under the long-term care insurance system from FY 2014.

(2) Development of infrastructure for life support services

《1 billion yen》

- With the aim of enhancing life support services, we will newly appoint “life support service coordinators” who will be in charge of developing local resources including cultivation, scouting and networking of life support providers such as volunteers, as part of a local support program for the long-term care insurance system from FY 2014 (In FY 2014, it is expected that about 1/5 of municipalities, from among 1,580 insurers, will implement this measure).

(Reference) “Increase of 4 social security expenses in line with the increased consumption tax rate”

(Action for the increase of costs related to “long-term care” in line with the increased consumption tax rate)

《34.2 billion yen》

- In order to address the increased costs for long-term care business operators, etc. in line with the increased consumption tax rate, financial resources from the increased consumption tax revenue will be effectively used as necessary for long-term care fees (Long-term fee revision rate:+0.63%).

(Enhancement of measures to reduce insurance premiums of low-income earners, such as national health insurance premiums)

《61.2 billion yen》

- With respect to insurance premiums (tax) for national health insurance and the medical insurance system for the elderly aged 75 or over, the scope of persons to whom 50% reductions and 20% reductions of insurance premiums (tax) apply will be expanded (National health insurance: about 4 million persons; medical insurance system for the elderly aged 75 or over: about 1.1 million persons).

Improvement of medical insurance system

(Revision of the high-cost medical care benefit system)

《4.2 billion yen》

- From the viewpoint of sharing financial burden according to financial capacity of each individual while paying consideration to low-income earners, the maximum amount of co-payment of the high-cost medical care benefit system will be revised (The current 3 income classifications for persons aged 70 or younger will be further divided into 5 classifications; the burden will be reduced for persons whose index monthly earnings are 260,000 yen or below and who are subject to inhabitant tax).

Action for intractable diseases, and specified chronic diseases in childhood

(Establishment of fair and stable system for intractable diseases and specific chronic diseases in childhood) 《29.3 billion yen》

- In order to eliminate the excessive burden placed on prefectures for measures against intractable diseases, we will submit to the ordinary session of the Diet in 2014 a bill for a new act on intractable diseases, etc., aiming to establish a new, fair and stable system for intractable diseases and specified chronic diseases in childhood and to drastically enhance the applicable diseases (the expenses for the current system until the end of December 2014 will be budgeted separately).

(1) Expansion of applicable diseases

- Intractable diseases (Adults) Current status: 56 diseases → about 300 diseases (number of candidate diseases)
- Specific chronic diseases in childhood (Children) Current status: 514 diseases → about 600 diseases (number of candidate diseases)

(2) Revision of co-payments

- The co-payment ratio is reduced to 20%, from the current ratio of 30%.
- The maximum limit will be set based on medical care for disabled persons (rehabilitation care) (In principle, 2,500 ~ 30,000 yen /month)
- Consideration for children (The amount for children will be 1/2 of the amount for adults (Maximum limit, and meal expenses during hospitalization))

(3) Interim measures (3 years)

- Consideration for persons already certified (e.g. mildly symptomatic patients with intractable diseases will also be covered)

(Independent support for children with intractable diseases, etc.)

《0.46 billion yen》

- In order to promote independence of children with intractable diseases, etc., we will implement consultation support for life with medical treatment and a program in which persons involved in each community can work together for independence support.

Improvement of pension system

《Amounts indicate public expenditure》

(Expansion of the survivor's basic pension to motherless families)

《1 billion yen》

- From FY 2014, the survivor's basic pension benefit will be expanded to motherless families, in addition to fatherless families which are already eligible for the benefit.

(Reference) Action for the “stabilization of social security”

(Perpetuation of increased government share of contribution (1/2) to the basic pension)

《2 trillion 947.3 billion yen》

- By effectively using the budget for stabilization of social security (2.95 trillion yen) based on the revenue from the increased consumption tax rate, we will secure the government share of contribution (1/2) to the basic pension, which has been perpetuated under the “Act on Partial Amendment of National Pension Act, etc. for Strengthening of Financial Base and Minimum Guarantee Function of Public Pension System.”

(Reference) Measures which will be taken in line with the increased consumption tax rate but separately from the “enhancement and stabilization of social security”

[Supplementary budget for FY 2013]

(Simple payout measures (provisional welfare benefit))

[Supplementary budget for FY 2013: 342 billion yen]

- Considering the burden imposed on low-income earners upon the increase of the consumption tax rate, we will implement a payout of 300 billion yen in total as a provisional measure appropriately paying attention to low-income earners, in addition to the measures for enhancement of social security to be implemented within the framework of comprehensive reform; the payout cost and municipality administrative expenses necessary for smooth payout will be subsidized.

[Eligible persons and amount to be paid]

- 10,000 yen per person upon whom no municipal inhabitant tax (on per capita basis) is imposed (excluding those who are dependents of the persons upon whom municipal inhabitant tax (on per capita basis) is imposed).
- Among the persons eligible for the benefit, 5,000 yen will be additionally paid for each of the persons who are also receive the basic old age pension, taking into account that the special payment level of pension is to be discontinued in April 2014.

(Temporary Special Benefit for Households with Children)

[Supplementary budget for FY 2013: 147.3 billion yen]

- From the viewpoint of alleviating the impact on the households raising children and supporting consumption of said households upon the increase of the consumption tax rate, we will implement a payout of 127.1 billion yen as a provisional measure; the payout cost and municipality administrative expenses necessary for smooth payout will be subsidized.

[Eligible persons and amount to be paid]

- 10,000 yen per child eligible for payment of child allowance (excluding children eligible for special persons eligible for simple payout measures (provisional welfare benefit), and recipients under the public assistance system).

Major Measures under the MHLW Draft Budget
for FY2014

Major Measures under the MHLW Draft Budget for FY2014 (Outline)

I Realization of a full-participation society

1. Support for women, young people and childrearing

(1) Countermeasures to the falling birth rate and promotion of active female participation

- Enhancement of childcare services including the elimination of children on waiting lists
- Enhancement of after school children's clubs
- Strengthening of continuous local support for pregnancy and childbirth
- Enhancement of social care
- Promotion of comprehensive independence support for single-parent families
- Promotion of positive action by companies
- Strengthening of economic support during childcare leave
- Promotion of measures for balancing work and childrearing

(2) Promotion of active youth participation

- Enhancement of support for giving casual employees the status of regular employees
- Strengthening of countermeasures against companies suspected of unfairly driving young workers into resignation
- Occupational training for students, etc. those facing difficulties in job hunting
- Formation of local industry-government-academia
- Promotion of career education, etc.

2. Promotion of active participation by the elderly and persons with disabilities

- Realization of an ageless society
- Promotion of employment support for and social participation by persons with disabilities

3. Proper implementation of public assistance system, etc.

- Establishment of a public assistance system that can be trusted by public, etc.

4. Improvement of employment and safety net

(1) Realization of labour movement without loss of employment

- Drastic expansion of subsidies for supporting labour movement
- Promotion of employment creation and human resource development in growing fields
- Support for middle to long term career development of young people, etc.

(2) Realization of diversified working methods

- Dissemination and promotion of "diversified regular employee" model
- Environmental improvement for increase of minimum wage

II Realization of a "society of health and longevity"

1. Enhancement of medical and long-term care, etc.

(1) Reform of medical and long-term care provision systems

- Medical fee revision in FY 2014
- Establishment of a new financial support system
- Strengthened access to emergency medical care and specialist treatment
- Establishment of integrated community care system

(2) Reform of medical insurance system

- Revision of high-cost medical care benefit system
- Reduction of burden under the medical care system for the elderly

(3) Action for intractable diseases, and specified chronic diseases in childhood

- Establishment of a fair and stable system for intractable diseases and specific chronic diseases in childhood
- Strengthening of support for patients with intractable diseases
- Independence support for children with chronic diseases, etc.

(4) Promotion of disease prevention and health management, etc.

- Promotion of data health by effectively using receipts, medical examination data, etc.
- Promotion of lifestyle disease prevention through health examinations and health maintenance
- Horizontal spreading of positive examples under the program for preventing aggravation of diabetic nephropathy, etc.
- Promotion of health information centers which effectively use pharmacies and pharmacists
- Proper operation of new system for sales of non-prescription drugs

(5) Integrated promotion of innovation related to healthcare

1. Promotion of R&D in line with the establishment of the control tower function for R&D related to healthcare
- Promotion of actions in line with the establishment of the control tower function for R&D related to healthcare
- Enhancement of National Research Center for Advanced and Specialized Medical Care systems, etc.

2. Vitalization of healthcare-related industries

- Action for ensuring safety of regenerative medicine
- Promotion of development of new drugs and medical devices
- Enhancement and strengthening of examination and safety measures toward promotion of practical realization of innovative products
- International development of healthcare, etc.

2. Establishment of reliable pension system

- Operation of a sustainable and reliable pension system
- Promotion of accurate pension record control and actions against pension record issues
- Strengthened actions for application and collection

III Strengthening of recovery and disaster prevention in affected areas

1. Acceleration of recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake

- Support for affected children
- Support for long-term care support centers, etc.
- Improvement of support system for mental health care in affected areas

- Support for health support activities in affected areas
- Actions for securing human resources for welfare and long-term care in affected areas
- Financial support for medical care, long-term care and welfare services for persons with disabilities systems
- Support for disaster recovery of various affected facilities

2. Actions for disaster prevention

- Establishment of strong, safe and sustainable water utilities

Major Measures under the MHLW Draft Budget for FY2014

I Realization of full-participation society

Support for females, young people and child-rearing

(1) Countermeasures to the falling birth rate and promotion of active female participation

[1 trillion 55.3 billion yen]

(Enhancement of childcare services including elimination of children on waiting lists)

[624.8 billion yen]

- In order to expand the number of accepted children, we will strongly promote actions under the “plan for elimination of children on waiting lists,” securing the operational expenses of childcare centers and development of childcare centers, etc. (including childcare centers, small-scale childcare services, long-hour daycare at kindergartens, and non-registered childcare facilities which aim to be registered). In addition, with the aim of providing diversified childcare services according to the parents’ work situation, we will seek to enhance extended daycare, holiday/night childcare, daycare for sick or convalescent children, etc.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Actions for children on waiting lists and promotion of active female participation)

[Supplementary budget for FY 2013: 16.9 billion yen]

- We will ensure development of childcare centers, etc. (corresponding to the increase of subsidy rate), and by further making contributions to the Anshin Kodomo fund in addition to the initial budget for FY 2014, we will put forward the new systems such as small-scale childcare services and long-hour daycare at kindergartens, support operational expenses (for FY 2013) of non-registered childcare facilities which aim to be registered, and take other relevant measures.

(Reference) [Enhancement of social security]

(Promotion of elimination of children on waiting lists and enhancement of local support for children and child-rearing)

Programs for emergent securement of childcare

[104.3 billion yen]

- We will seek to enhance and promote policy measures by advancing the “programs for emergent securement of childcare,” which include the program on facility-type benefits and local-childcare-type benefits under the new support system for children and child-rearing (such as small-scale childcare services) and the program implemented by municipalities under the new system (such as community child care support centers program). (Allocated to the Cabinet Office)

(Enhancement of after school children’s clubs)

[33.2 billion yen]

- We will enhance after school children’s clubs, so that users of childcare services will be able to continuously use the services even after their children start school.

(Strengthening of continuous local support for pregnancy and childbirth)

[1.1 billion yen]

- We will implement model programs in which support will be continuously provided during pregnancy, childbirth and child-rearing according to each region's characteristics; including a postnatal care program which will provide physical and mental care to mothers and children immediately after childbirth, child-rearing support, etc.
- We will enhance "Female Health Support Centers," which are consultation and support centers providing consultation services and information to those who are distressed over pregnancy and childbirth, by such means as introduction of a nationally-uniform telephone number; through such means as holding of seminars at "Infertility Specialist Consultation Centers" on Saturdays and Sundays, we will create an environment where consultation services can be easily used.

(Enhancement of social care)

[103.2 billion yen]

- For children in need of social care such as abused children, we will promote placement of such children under the custody of foster parents and family homes, so that they can be nurtured and supported in a more family-like environment; we will provide subsidies for the rent of existing buildings and for facility improvement costs in order to promote group homes, small-scale group care, etc.

(Promotion of comprehensive independence support for single-parent families)

[202.6 billion yen]

- In order to provide overall and comprehensive support, appropriately combining multiple support menu items, toward various issues faced by single-parent families, we will strengthen consultation service systems, enhance and strengthen employment support programs including support for job change and career development, and promote learning support including peer support for children (support from people in a similar position, etc.).
- We will submit to the ordinary session of the Diet in 2014 an amendment bill; we aim to remove the restriction on double payment of child-rearing allowances and public pension, allowing payment of the difference when the amount of pension is less than the amount of the allowance, to expand the scope of families eligible for the Loan for Single Mothers and the Widow to single-father families, and to take other necessary measures.

(Promotion of positive action by companies)

[0.83 billion yen]

- We will create a subsidy measure for support of companies taking positive actions (promotion of active female participation) so that women can develop their skills and play active roles, and will directly encourage individual companies to take such actions.
- We will gather information on progressive cases and provide such information to companies, in order to increase the recognition of companies actively making efforts for promotion of active women participation and to increase the number of companies in which women can be promoted to managerial posts and play active roles.

(Strengthening of economic support during childcare leave)

[80.4 billion yen]

- In order to further promote acquisition of childcare leave by both males and females and to support continuation of working life, we aim to increase the payment rate of childcare leave benefits (50%→67% for the first 6 months) by submitting to the ordinary session of the Diet in 2014 a bill to amend the Employment Insurance Act.

(Promotion of measures for balancing work and child-rearing)

[8.8 billion yen]

- In order to facilitate a return to work after acquisition of childcare leave, we will provide support for formulation and use of the “support plan for return to work after childcare leave” in small and medium sized companies, prepare and disseminate a collection of good examples on effective use of telework for the purpose of child-rearing and long-term care, enhance projects for the men actively take care of their children, and enhance support for introduction and operation of childcare facilities within business establishments.
- In order to eliminate worries felt by workers when they return to work after leaving their jobs for a certain period of time for child-rearing, etc., we will implement the “support program for reemployment enabling balance between work and child-rearing” in which information, seminars, etc. are provided.

(2) Promotion of active youth participation

[9.3 billion yen]

(Enhancement of support for giving casual employees the status of regular employees)

[3.7 billion yen]

- Through enhancement of Hellowork for Young People , etc. and effective use of private sector power, we will promote transfer of casual employees, etc. into the status of regular employment, by providing support menu items corresponding to the needs of each individual, including holding of seminars, trial employment, and effective use of the Support System for Job Seekers.

(Strengthening of countermeasures against companies suspected of unfairly driving young workers into resignation) [1.8 billion yen]

- We will strengthen consultation systems, through the introduction of the “phone consultation service on labour conditions” which accept consultation requests even at night and on holidays, and the “consultation window for employees” at the Hellowork for Young People. In addition, we will disseminate information on labour related laws and regulations, by opening up the “portal site for consultation on labour conditions” and holding seminars at universities, etc. nationwide.

(Occupational training for students, etc. with difficulties in job hunting)

[95 million yen]

- For students, etc. facing difficulty in job-hunting due to lack of social skills such as communication ability required upon hiring, we will provide new occupational training, while paying consideration to their characteristics.

(Formation of local industry-government-academia)

[0.15 billion yen]

- In order to develop non-government training curricula which increase the possibility of hiring, we will establish local industry-government-academia consortia (joint work bodies) to develop, verify and disseminate diversified occupational training courses, and implement training at accessible venues based on the developed curricula.

(Promotion of career education, etc.)

[3.6 billion yen]

- In collaboration and cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and industries such as organizations of small and medium enterprises, we will develop a career education program and encourage universities, etc. to use such program for career education.
- In order to inform young people of the attractiveness of manufacturing/production while they are in school, we will promote comprehensive action toward the young people, including increase of awareness and providing of practical guidance under the “Monozukuri Meister” scheme (“ Production Master” project (tentative name)), encouraging them to work in manufacturing fields; this includes encouragement to take ability examinations.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Promotion of program to support and cultivate young people)

[Supplementary budget for FY 2013: 3.5 billion yen]

- In order to support occupational independence of young people, including NEETs, we will provide specialized consultation services, communication training, workplace experience, etc. according to individual needs at local support stations for young people; for this purpose, we will make further contributions to the “emergent funds for human resource development and employment support.”

Promotion of active participation by the elderly and persons with disabilities

(Realization of ageless society)

[29.9 billion yen]

- Towards the realization of an ageless society in which the elderly can play active roles, we will enhance and strengthen employment assistance and re-employment support for the elderly, and will also enhance employment opportunities for them through Silver Human Resource Centers in order to expand the fields in which the elderly can locally work and engage in activities supporting society.
- We will promote their participation in volunteer activities before their retirement and provide support for creation of fields in which they can play active roles after their retirement.

(Promotion of employment support for and social participation of persons with disabilities)

[1 trillion 487.4 billion yen]

- We will provide necessary welfare services, etc. so that children and persons with disabilities can live in a local environment familiar to them.
- We will strengthen the implementation structure of “team support,” in which support will be provided in a consistent manner from hiring to job embeddedness through collaboration between Hellowork and related local organizations; we will also reform and expand the “program for trial employment of persons with disabilities” which will additionally cover employment through introductions from private human resource businesses, etc., thereby further promoting the employment of persons with disabilities.
- We will enhance support for social participation by persons with developmental disabilities and securely implement a program to support community lives of persons with disabilities including movement and communication support.
- As part of support for artistic activities by persons with disabilities, we will implement a model program in which consultation services will be provided with respect to opportunities for exhibition and protection of copyrights, etc. We will also match the seeds to needs with respect to independence support devices for persons with disabilities, which effectively use robotic technologies.
- We will promote development of employment support offices, group homes, child development support centers, and facilities for medical treatment and education of small-scale groups.

Proper implementation of public assistance systems, etc.

(Establishment of public assistance systems that can be trusted by the public, etc.)

[2 trillion 897.5 billion yen]

○ Based on the Act for Revising the Public Assistance Act enacted in December 2013, we will take comprehensive action including strengthening of independence support through employment, countermeasures against illegal receipt, and optimization of medical assistance.

• Revision of standards for livelihood assistance, etc.

Starting from August 2013, the standards for livelihood assistance, etc. will be optimized in three phases; as part of the second phase of the optimization, standards for livelihood assistance, etc. will be revised (and implemented in April 2014) while giving comprehensive consideration to the current social and economic situation including consumption trends of the public (including the influence of the increased consumption tax rate).

(Reference) Specific examples of the revision rate for the standards of livelihood assistance in FY 2014 (urban areas)

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| • Married couples with children (Couples in their 30s with infants) | ▲0.6% |
| • Single elderly households (Singles in their 60s) | +2.0% |
| • Single households (Age 20 ~ 40) | +0.1% |

※ The total of the revision rate (which differs according to age, number of household members and area) as part of the second phase of the optimization of the standards for livelihood assistance, etc. and the revision rate (2.9%) which is determined by comprehensively taking into account consumption trends of the public.

• Training of consultation supporters under the independence support system for the needy

Toward the introduction of the new system, we will arrange relevant frameworks including training of consultation supporters who will be in charge of comprehensive and continuous independence support for the needy. By implementing measures in an integrated manner with the supplementary budget bill for FY 2013 (Strengthening of safety net functions in local communities), we will establish an environment which allows the needy to try again toward independence.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Strengthening of safety net functions in local communities)

[Supplementary budget for FY 2013: 52 billion yen]

- We will make further contributions to the special and provisional funds for the emergent employment creation program, etc. (the portion corresponds to support programs for enhancement of housing measures, etc.), thereby promoting the development of social capacity which allows young people, etc. to participate in society and fulfill their potential, encouraging independence through strengthened employment support, and securing human resources for welfare and long-term care.

In addition, through continuation of the housing support benefit and enhancement of the model programs, we will ensure smooth transition to the new independence support system for the needy to be established in FY 2015.

Improvement of employment and safety nets

(1) Realization of labour movement without loss of employment [151.2 billion yen]

(Drastic expansion of subsidies for supporting labour movement) [30.1 billion yen]

- We will drastically enhance labour movement support subsidies, further promoting labour movement (including support for capability development), so that individuals can smoothly change jobs, fulfill their potential and become active players supporting economic growth.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Promotion of labour movement without loss of employment) [Supplementary budget for FY 2013: 0.4 billion yen]

- The labour movement support subsidy is provided to business operators which support re-employment of workers ; we will drastically enhance the subsidy, by expanding the applicable companies and creating new subsidy measures, so that individuals can smoothly change their jobs, fulfill their potential and become active players supporting economic growth; at the same time, we will strengthen the agency function of the Industrial Employment Stabilization Center to promote labour movement without loss of employment.

(Promotion of employment creation and human resource development in growing fields) [109 billion yen]

- We will further support local independent projects for employment creation, which are implemented in an integrated manner with industrial policies, provide practical vocational training for growth fields including information and communication, environment and energy fields, by effectively using private education and training organizations, etc., and promote the Support System for Job Seekers.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Establishment of local human cultivation programs) [Supplementary budget for FY 2013: 102 billion yen]

- With the aim of expanding employment through promotion of active female participation, employment of non-employed persons especially young people, and active elderly participation toward realization of an ageless society, the aim of improving working conditions including increase of wages and transition of non-regular workers into regular employees, and the aim of supporting diversified “human resource building” through ingenuity according to actual local situations, we will make further contributions to the special and provisional funds for the emergent employment creation program.

(Support for medium to long term career development of young people, etc.) [12 billion yen]

- In order to promote medium to long term career development of young people who are non-regular workers, through specialized and practical education and training, and to establish subsidy measures for business operators which are supporting medium to long term career development of employees, we will submit to the ordinary session of the Diet in FY 2014 a bill to amend Employment Insurance Act.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Strengthening of labour market functions by effectively using private human resource businesses)[Supplementary budget for FY 2013: 5 billion yen]

- In order to address a broad range of needs of young people such as non-employed graduates and of females who wish to return to work, we will make further contributions to the emergent funds for human resource development and employment support, and thereby implement a program to strengthen the functions of the labour market by effectively using private human resource businesses : for example, we will examine and establish an employment support model which effectively uses Employment Placement Dispatching services in order to allow workers to be employed as regular employees after expiration of their temporary employment periods.

(2) Realization of diversified work methods

[2.9 billion yen]

(Dissemination and promotion of the “diversified regular employee” model)

[0.12 billion yen]

- In order to promote the “diversified regular employee” model which focuses on job duty, etc., we will collect successful examples and survey overseas situations, and will compile and promptly disseminate the points of attention regarding employment management (such as clear indications of working conditions) at an advisory panel of experts.

(Environmental improvement for increase of minimum wage)

[2.8 billion yen]

- In order to support the actions taken by small and medium sized enterprises and small-scale business operators toward an increase in the minimum wage, we will provide consultation services on management of labour conditions, etc. and dispatch specialists for business management and labour affairs, and will also support the organizations of small and medium sized enterprises aiming to increase wages through market expansion. Simultaneously, we will enhance subsidy measures for the small and medium sized enterprises and small-scale business operators which increase wages by increasing labour efficiency through adoption of equipment, etc.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Enhancement of support for small and medium sized enterprises and small-scale entrepreneurs toward increase of minimum wage)

[Supplementary budget for FY 2013: 0.98 billion yen]

- In order to promote smooth and earlier actions taken by small and medium sized enterprises and small-scale business operators toward the increase of minimum wage in each area, we will enhance support by expanding areas eligible for the subsidy.

II Realization of a “society of health and longevity”

Enhancement of medical and long-term care, etc.

(1) Reform of medical and long-term care provision systems

[13 trillion 593.3 billion yen]

(Medical fee revision in FY 2014)

[10 trillion 837.3 billion yen]

- The medical fee revision in FY 2014 is as follows.

※ The parenthesized figures indicate the portion addressing the cost increase in taxable purchases by medical organizations, etc. in association with the increased consumption tax rate.

• Medical fees (for medical treatment)	Revision rate	+0.73% (+0.63%)	
	Revision rate of each division	Medical	+0.82% (+0.71%)
		Dentistry	+0.99% (+0.87%)
		Dispensing	0.22% (+0.18%)
• Drug price revision, etc.	Revision rate	▲0.63% (+0.73%)	
	Drug price revision		▲0.58% (+0.64%)
	Material price revision		▲0.05% (+0.09%)

(Establishment of new financial support system)

[60.2 billion yen]※

- In order to promote securement and cultivation of medical professionals, home medical care, and differentiation and collaboration of medical bed function, we will submit to the ordinary session of the Diet in 2014 a bill to amend related laws and regulations; thereby we aim to establish a new financial support system (funds will be established in each prefecture) as included in the Social Security System Reform Program Act.

In the basic policies and payment guidelines formulated by the national government, we plan to make requests to the prefectures to ensure fair distribution between the public sector and private sector.

※ Extra measures of 36 billion yen (public expenditure) will be separately implemented for the new financial support system (funds). As a result, the size of the funds will be a public expenditure of 90.4 billion yen (total of 54.4 billion yen (national government: 36.2 billion yen; local governments: 18.1 billion yen) for effective use of increased consumption tax revenue, and 36 billion yen (national government: 24 billion yen; local governments: 12 billion yen) for other extra measures).

(Strengthened access to emergency medical care and specialist treatment)

[6 billion yen]

- In order to strengthen access to emergency medical care institutions, we will enhance flight operations of helicopter emergency medical services.

At the same time, we will place dedicated doctors who will be in charge of coordination at the receiving institutions and secure medical institutions which will accept, at least temporarily, emergency patients in such cases where an accepting medical institution cannot be found for an emergency patient after a prolonged time.

- We will support development of local cultivation programs for specialized doctors, so that a new system to cultivate specialized doctors will be established smoothly.

(Establishment of integrated community care system)

○ In order to establish integrated community care system, under which people can receive long-term care, medical care, preventive care, livelihood support and housing in an integrated manner in communities and can continue to live in their home towns even when they have come to need long-term care, we will take the following actions.

• Securement of long-term care services through the long-term care insurance system [2 trillion 689.9 billion yen]

Toward realization of the integrated community care system, we will secure expenses necessary for enhancement of home care services and facility services in line with the increasing number of the elderly who are in need of long-term care, and will take necessary measures for long-term care fees in response to the increased consumption tax rate (Long-term care fees revision rate: + 0.63%).

• Steady promotion of the “5-year plan for promotion of policy measures against dementia” [3.2 billion yen]

With the aim of providing support for people with dementia and their families at an early stage, we will newly establish “early stage intensive support teams for dementia” (100 locations), appoint “local support promoters for dementia” (275 locations → 470 locations), and enhance support for families looking after a member with dementia and for collaborative training attended by various types of professionals, as part of the local support program under the long-term care insurance system from FY 2014.

We will also expand the Medical Centers for Dementia, etc. which are medical institutions specializing in dementia (175 locations → 300 locations).

• Development of infrastructure for life support services [0.5 billion yen]

With the aim of enhancing life support services, we will newly appoint “life support service coordinators” who will be in charge of developing local resources including cultivation, scouting and networking of life support providers such as volunteers, as part of the local support program under the long-term care insurance system from FY 2014 (In FY 2014, it is expected that about 1/5 of municipalities, from among 1,580 insurers, will implement this measure).

• Promotion of “visualization” of information related to long-term and medical care [0.4 billion yen]

We will promote development of the system which enables sharing of information (visualization) on long-term and medical care, so that municipalities, etc. can objectively and easily understand the characteristics, problems, actions taken and other information on a national, prefectural or municipal level, or in each local community.

• Promotion of support for housing and livelihood of low-income elderly [0.12 billion yen]

We will provide support for low-income elderly who have difficulty in living independently, so that they can comfortably continue to live in the community they are used to; the support will include securement of low-rent empty houses, watch-over services, daily life consultations, etc. which are implemented by social welfare corporations, etc.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Promotion of system improvement toward the establishment of integrated community care system)

[Supplementary budget for FY 2013: 29.2 billion yen]

- We will steadily develop infrastructure for community-based long-term care, such as small-scale special elderly nursing homes. In order to steadily advance the infrastructure for long-term care, we will subsidize the expenses for opening the facilities, and provide assistance for expenses required in smooth implementation of regular home visitation and as-needed visitation services.

(2) Reform of medical insurance system

[265.4 billion yen]

(Revision of high-cost medical care benefit system)

[3.7 billion yen]

- From the viewpoint of sharing financial burden according to financial capacity of each individual while paying consideration to low-income earners, the maximum limit of co-payment of the high-cost medical care benefit system will be revised (The current 3 income classifications for the persons aged 70 or younger will be further divided into 5 classifications; the burden will be reduced for persons whose index monthly earning is 260,000 yen or below and who are subject to inhabitant tax).

(Reduction of burden under the medical care system for the elderly)

[261.7 billion yen]

- The following revisions will be made to measures for reduction of the burden under the medical care system for the elderly.
 - With respect to the special measure concerning the burden placed on the patients aged 70 to 74, the statutory burden ratio (20%) will apply, in a phased manner, starting from those who reach the age of 70 in April 2014 (those to whom the ratio of 30% was applied up to the age of 69). The special measure (10% of the burden ratio) will continue to apply to those who already reach the age of 70 by the end of March 2014, until they reach the age of 75.
 - The special measure to reduce insurance premiums will continue to apply to low-income earners, etc. among those insured under the medical insurance system for the elderly aged 75 or over (In the case of low-income earners, 90% or 85% reduction of premiums on a per capita basis, and 50% reduction of premiums on a per income basis; in the case of former non-working dependents, 90% reduction of premiums on a per capita basis).

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(System modification, etc. in line with the revision of the special measure concerning burden placed on patients aged 70 to 74) [Supplementary budget for FY 2013: 3.4 billion yen]

- The burden ratio of patients aged 70 to 74 under the special measure (10%) will be revised to the original burden ratio (20%), starting from those who reach the age of 70 in 2014, and the high-cost medical care benefit will be also revised in line with such revision of burden ratio; we will make necessary modifications to the screening system and payment organization, etc.

(3) Action for intractable diseases, and specified chronic diseases in childhood

[20.1 billion yen]

(Establishment of a fair and stable system for intractable diseases and specific chronic diseases in childhood)

[19.5 billion yen]

- In order to eliminate the excessive burden placed on prefectures for measures against intractable diseases, we will submit to the ordinary session of the Diet in 2014 a bill for a new act on intractable diseases, etc., aiming to establish a new, fair and stable system for intractable diseases and specified chronic diseases in childhood and to drastically enhance the applicable diseases (the expenses for the current system until the end of December 2014 will be budgeted separately).

(Strengthening of support for patients with intractable diseases)

[0.35 billion yen]

- In order to support social participation by patients with intractable diseases and their families, we will enhance the consultation function of consultation and support centers for intractable diseases in each prefecture, and raise awareness in society about intractable diseases.

(Independence support for children with chronic diseases, etc.)

[0.25 billion yen]

- In order to promote independence of children with chronic diseases, we will provide consultation services for life with medical treatment and implement programs for independence support in an integrated manner by people involved in local communities.

(4) Promotion of disease prevention and health management, etc. [7.5 billion yen]

(Promotion of data health by effectively using receipts, medical examination data, etc. (Insurance program based on data analysis by medical insurers)) [3.5 billion yen]

- In order to implement health programs (such as consciousness building, health guidance, and encouragement for medical consultation) in an effective manner by using receipts and health examination information, we will support “data health plans” to be formulated by medical professionals and development of relevant programs.

(Promotion of lifestyle disease prevention through health examinations and health maintenance) [3.2 billion yen]

- The consultation rate of designated medical checkup is low among non-working dependents; we will support medical insurers for their efforts to make it easier for non-working dependents to take the medical checkup.
- We will promote the “smart life project” to encourage collaboration between companies toward health maintenance, and support companies taking action toward health maintenance in order to encourage creation and development of a health maintenance industry.
- We will formulate standards for “healthy diets” which support the longevity of Japanese people, and disseminate and promote such standards in collaboration with convenience stores, home-delivered meal business operators, etc.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Promotion of cancer screening in order to support the working female generation) [Supplementary budget for FY 2013: 4.4 billion yen]

- In order to increase the consultation rate of uterus cancer and breast cancer checkups and to promote early detection of the cancer, we will encourage taking checkups (call/recall), and subsidize the medical checkup fee for those who received a free coupon but did not take the checkup in the past.

(Horizontal spreading of positive examples under the program for preventing aggravation of diabetic nephropathy, etc.) [0.57 billion yen]

- We will nationally disseminate the positive examples on medical insurer efforts, including efforts for preventing aggravation in patients with diabetic nephropathy through collaboration with medical institutions, and efforts for home guidance for patients who redundantly or frequently visit hospitals. At the same time, we will strengthen actions for promotion of use of generic drugs.

(Promotion of health information centers which effectively use pharmacies and pharmacists) [0.24 billion yen]

- In order to promote self-medication, we will develop health information centers which effectively use pharmacies and pharmacists, and implement the home medical care model program.

(Proper operation of new system for sales of non-prescription drugs) [40 million yen]

- Based on the Act for Amendment of Pharmaceutical Affairs Act enacted on December 2013, we will, with the aim of disseminating and ensuring proper operation of the new sales system applicable to non-prescription drugs, certify or accredit reliable websites and examine measures to prevent purchases in large quantities and frequent purchases. At the same time, we will strengthen the monitoring of websites engaging in illegal advertisements or sales of medical products, such as non-approved medicines and counterfeit medicines.

(5) Integrated promotion of innovation related to healthcare

[95.3 billion yen]

1. Promotion of R&D in line with the establishment of the control tower function for R&D related to healthcare

[93.1 billion yen]

(Promotion of actions in line with the establishment of the control tower function for R&D related to healthcare)

[47.6 billion yen]

- Striving to overcome diseases and promote health, we will advance research for practical application of innovative medical technologies under the control tower function for healthcare-related R&D, and support R&D systems of medical institutions with the purpose of increasing the number of seeds leading to practical application of drugs, etc. and speeding up the development process of practical application.

(Enhancement of National Research Center for Advanced and Specialized Medical Care systems, etc.)

[45.5 billion yen]

- In order to establish the framework swiftly for steady implementation of international-standard high-quality clinical researches and studies, we will promote the systems for clinical trials or studies of the National Research Centers for Advanced and Specialized Medical Care, etc., which could independently collect clinical cases within their hospitals specialized in specific disease groups and their research centers focusing on development of practical application of medical technologies.

2. Vitalization of healthcare-related industries

[2.2 billion yen]

(Action for ensuring safety of regenerative medicine)

[0.15 billion yen]

- Based on the Act on Securement of Safety of Regenerative Medicine, etc. enacted on November 2013, we will establish systems necessary for examination of the regenerative medicine provision plan and for inspection of cell culturing and processing facilities, aiming to ensure full safety of regenerative medicine, etc. and to promote development of its practical application.

(Promotion of development of new drugs and medical devices)

[0.7 billion yen]

- In order to provide continuous support covering from basic research to practical application of drugs, we will strengthen the “All Japan” support network programs for drug development, and will support and promote the development of regenerative medicine products for orphans.
- Through acceptance of human resources from companies developing medical devices in the medical institutions conducting R&D for medical devices, and providing training, etc. in designing marketable products, we will advance cultivation of human resources to be engaged in development and promote the development activities which satisfy the medical care needs in Japan and overseas.

(Enhancement and strengthening of examination and safety measures toward promotion of practical realization of innovative products)

[0.86 billion yen]

- In the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA), we will enhance the pharmaceutical strategy consultation services to promote swift development of practical application, establish database for acceleration and sophistication of development and examination of orphan drugs, and will strengthen systems in order to further speed up and improve the quality of the examination while paying attention to post-marketing quality maintenance and safety measures.
- In order to enhance post-marketing safety measures, we will establish, at core hospitals, including university hospitals, a large-scale database on adverse drug reactions based on information from electronic medical charts, etc.

(International development of healthcare, etc.)

[0.45 billion yen]

- Through understanding of the medical care needs and systems in each country and discussions with other countries, we will promote introduction of medical devices and drugs originating from Japan, human resource development, acceleration of regulatory review process in other countries for products approved under the Japanese regulation, and development of various medical systems in emerging countries.
- In cooperation with international organizations, we will promote formulation of a list of minimal medical devices which should be held in developing countries, aiming to internationally contribute to the improvement of public health sanitization overseas and to promote overseas development of Japanese companies.
- Toward establishment of model centers to which interpreters specialized in medical fields are assigned, we will prepare curriculum for training of medical interpreters and standardize explanation materials for patients who cannot speak Japanese, so that non-Japanese speakers will be able to receive Japanese medical services safely and comfortably.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Implementation of the program to support R&D for the drugs aimed at developing countries) [Supplementary budget bill for FY: 2.8 billion yen]

- By effectively using the outstanding R&D capabilities of the Japanese pharmaceutical industry, we will contribute to international health, and will support overseas development and growth of the Japanese pharmaceutical industry by supporting R&D for drugs aimed at developing countries and through public-private partnerships, including governmental fund contributions.

Establishment of reliable pension system

(Operation of sustainable and reliable pension system)

[10 trillion 707.5 billion yen]

- We will ensure the government share of contributions to the basic pension (1/2) which have been perpetuated under the “Act to Partially Amend Public Pension Act, etc. for Strengthening, etc. of Financial Base and Minimum Guarantee Function of Public Pension System” enacted in August 2012.
- From FY 2014, the survivor's basic pension benefit will be expanded to motherless families, in addition to the fatherless families which are already eligible for the benefit.

(Promotion of accurate pension records control and actions against pension record issues)

[14.6 billion yen]

- We will expand the users and enhance the functions of the “Nenkin Net” through which individuals can easily check their own pension records. Based on answers provided by individuals after they received the results of reconciliation between the paper ledgers and computerized pension records (the reconciliation is planned to be finished by the end of 2013), we will correct the pension records and take further action toward resolution of the pension record issue.

(Strengthened actions for application and collection)

[19.2 billion yen]

- We will strengthen actions to promote subscription to the employees' pension insurance scheme intensively over the next 5 years; these actions include giving instructions about subscription to business establishments which are subject to inspection for applicability and which are recognized by using information registered in the corporate registry. We will also strengthen measures to collect national pension premiums, including improvement of the environment in order to make payments easier, encouragement of payments by telephone or direct visits, and compulsory collection from high-income earners.

III Strengthening of recovery and disaster prevention in affected areas

(1) Acceleration of recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake

(Support for affected children)

[4 billion yen]

- We will strengthen comprehensive support for affected children, which will include: establishment of a program for providing children living in temporary housing a place where they can relax and spend their time comfortably, and a program to visit child-rearing households and provide consultation and support for their mental and physical health; expansion of the program for mental care of children to also cover their physical health; and expansion of playground equipment installation, etc. to the 3 affected prefectures.

(Support for long-term care support centers, etc.)

[1.5 billion yen]

- We will continue to support the operations of “support centers” (such as comprehensive consultation support and human exchanges in the community) which support the daily lives of the elderly living in temporary housing.

(Improvement of the support system for mental health care in affected areas)

[1.8 billion yen]

- We will continue to provide support at “mental care centers” established in affected areas; the support includes visiting consultations, support for medical care, and establishment of a system to provide mental care.

(Support for health support activities in affected areas)

[1 billion yen]

- In order to prevent aggravation of health conditions of the people living in temporary housing, we will support programs implemented according to the actual situation in each affected area, including securement of specialists (such as health nurses) in Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima Prefectures.

(Actions for securing human resources for welfare and long-term care in affected areas)

[0.19 billion yen]

- Considering the situation of Fukushima Prefecture where the lack of welfare and long-term care human resources is worsening, we will secure human resources by such measures as lending of initial training seminar expenses or employment preparation money to those who wish to be employed in Fukushima as long-term care workers.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Support for employment in affected areas in coordination with industrial policies (Special account for the recovery))

[Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013: 44.8 billion yen]

- In order to create stable employment in the affected areas, we will make further contributions to the provisional and special funds under the emergency employment creation program, which provides employment-related support in an integrated manner with industrial policies, and will extend the period of the program by 1 year.

(Financial support for medical care, long-term care and welfare services for persons with disabilities systems)[15.1 billion yen]

- Exemption of co-payments and insurance premiums for medical care insurance, long-term care insurance and welfare services for disabled persons have been permitted to the residents in the evacuation order zone and the former emergency evacuation preparation zone, as designated in response to the accident at the TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant; if the exemption period is to be extended, we will continuously provide financial support to reduce the burden of the insurers, etc.

(Support for disaster recovery of various affected facilities)

[19.4 billion yen]

- Based on the recovery plan of each local government, we will provide financial support for the recovery of child welfare facilities, long-term care facilities, welfare service centers for persons with disabilities, health and sanitation facilities and water utilities affected by the disaster.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Disaster recovery of long-term care facilities, etc. (Special account for recovery)) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013: 2.9 billion yen]

- In order to accelerate the recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake, we will provide subsidies to disaster recovery programs for which work can be initiated during FY 2013 for long-term care facilities, etc. affected by the disaster.

(2) Actions for disaster prevention

(Establishment of strong, safe and sustainable water utilities)

[15 billion yen]

- In order to supply safe and good-quality tap water even at the time of disaster and to build tough and sustainable water utilities, we will promote earthquake-resistant measures taken by local governments for water utilities.

(Reference) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013]

(Promotion of earthquake-resistant measures for water facilities as well as measures against aging of water facilities) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013: 43.2 billion yen]

- In order to supply safe and good-quality tap water even at the time of disaster, we will subsidize expenses required for earthquake-resistant measures for water facilities as well as measures against aging of water facilities, which are to be promoted by local governments.

(Promotion of disaster-prevention measures for social welfare facilities) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013: 21.4 billion yen]

- In order to promote disaster-prevention measures for social welfare facilities, we will subsidize expenses required for earthquake-resistant measures, installation of sprinklers, etc.

(Promotion of disaster-prevention measures for medical institutions) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013: 11.5 billion yen]

- In order to promote disaster-prevention measures for medical institutions, we will subsidize expenses required for installation of sprinklers at medical clinics with beds and for earthquake-resistant measures for disaster base medical centers, etc.

(Governmental contribution to the Welfare And Medical Service Agency (Low-interest loan for disaster-prevention measures at social welfare facilities and medical care facilities)) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013: 0.46 billion yen]

- In order to promote disaster-prevention measures and installation of sprinklers at social welfare facilities and medical care facilities, we will strengthen the financial base of the Welfare And Medical Service Agency (WAM) by means of government contributions, so that WAM will be able to provide low-interest and long-term loans to installers, thereby reducing the burden of the installers.

(Disaster recovery program for social welfare facilities, etc.) [Supplementary budget bill for FY 2013: 50 million yen]

- In order to ensure earlier recovery of social welfare facilities, etc. affected by the heavy rain in July 2013, etc., we will subsidize expenses required for recovery.