

Estimates of National Medical Care Expenditure, FY 2016

Digest of the Summary Report

- 42.1381 trillion yen and 332,000 yen per capita -

21-Sep-2018 The results of the “Estimates of National Medical Care Expenditure, FY 2016” have now been tabulated and released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

The “Estimates of National Medical Care Expenditure” is an estimate of expenditure on treatment of diseases and injuries covered by health insurance and treated by medical institutions in a given fiscal year. Here, expenditure means the total of public funding and medical expenditure paid by patients, as well as payments through health insurance, etc.

“Estimates of National Medical Care Expenditure” includes medical treatment expenditures, dental treatment expenditures, pharmacy dispensing medical expenditures, food and living care expenditures during admission, and home-visit nursing medical expenditures, but does not include expenditure not covered by health insurance, or expenditure which is not for the treatment of disease or injury such as uncomplicated pregnancy and delivery or immunization.

[Key Survey Results]

- National Medical Care Expenditure for FY 2016 was 42.1381 trillion yen (a decrease of 0.2263 trillion yen or 0.5% on the previous fiscal year). The per capita figure was 332,000 yen (a decrease of 1,300 yen or 0.4% on the previous fiscal year).
(Figure 1, Table 1, Statistical Table 1)
- In terms of the breakdown by system, “public funded medical care benefits” accounted for 3.1433 trillion yen (7.5% of all systems), “health insurance benefits” 19.5663 trillion yen (46.4%), “medical care benefits for the latter-stage elderly” 14.1731 trillion yen (33.6%), and “patient funded” 5.1435 trillion yen (12.2%).
(Table 2, Statistical Table 2)
- In terms of the breakdown by source of funding, of ‘public funding’ 10.7180 trillion yen was from the “national treasury” (25.4% of all funding sources), and 5.5659 trillion yen from “local governments” (13.2%). Of ‘insurance premiums’, 8.7783 trillion yen (20.8%) was from “business owners”, and 11.9189 trillion yen (28.3%) from “insured persons”. Finally, in the category ‘Other’, 4.8603 trillion yen was “patient funding” (11.5%).

(Table 3, Statistical Table 3)

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