

Outline of Scope and Method of Estimation of National Medical Care Expenditure

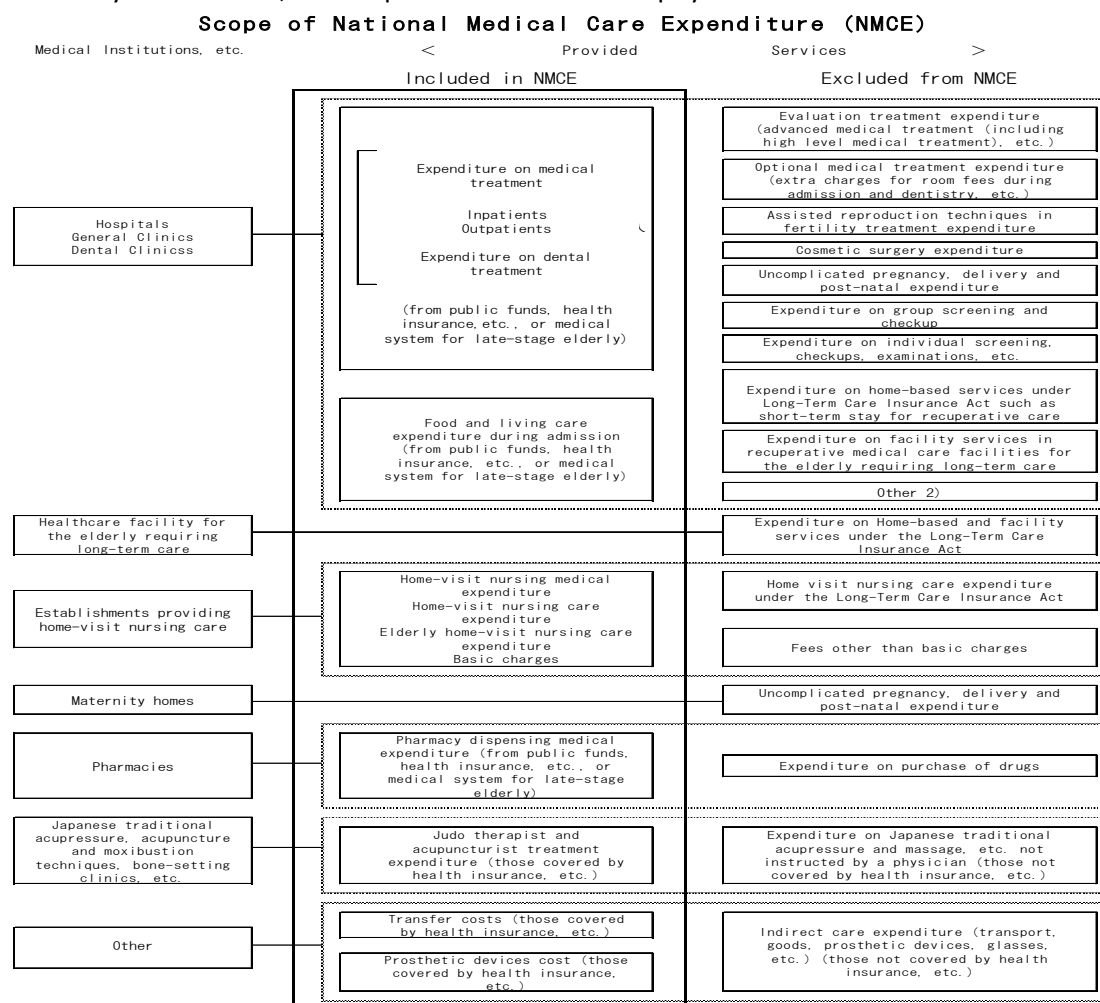
1 Scope of National Medical Care Expenditure

“National Medical Care Expenditure” is an estimate of expenditure spent on treatments for diseases and injuries covered by health insurance at medical care institutions during the fiscal year.

It includes medical expenditures for medical and dental treatment, pharmacy dispensing medical expenditures, food and living care expenditures during admission, and home-visit nursing medical expenditure.

It does not include expenditure which is not covered by health insurance, i.e. evaluation treatments (advanced medical treatment (including high level medical treatment), etc.), optional medical treatments (extra charges for room fees during admission and dentistry, etc.), or assisted reproduction techniques in fertility treatment.

Additionally, as it is limited to treatments for diseases and injuries, it also excludes (1) expenditure for uncomplicated pregnancies and deliveries, (2) expenditure for medical checkups and immunizations for maintenance and enhancement of health, and (3) expenditure for prosthetic devices for eyes and limbs, etc. required for established physical disabilities.



Notes: 1) Including patient funded element.

2) Medical care activities (such as immunization) which are not covered by health insurance, other than the above evaluation treatment, etc.

2 Outline of Method of Estimation

National Medical Care Expenditure is the sum of benefits from the health insurance system, benefits from the medical care system for the latter-stage elderly and the public funded medical care system, and associated medical expenditure paid by patients.

National Medical Care Expenditure by type of system is calculated as per (1) through (3) below.

- (1) Confirmed payments (including high cost medical fees) relating to "public funded medical care benefits" borne by the national or local governments under the public funded system, "health insurance benefits" as benefits under the health insurance system and industrial accident compensation insurance system, and "medical care benefits for the latter-stage elderly " as medical care under the Act on Assurance of Medical Care for Elderly People, relating in general to treatment within said fiscal year.
- (2) Estimate of patient funded medical expenditure associated with the benefits in (1).
- (3) Estimate of patient funded medical expenditure paid in full by the individual (paid via automobile liability insurance or where the individual pays the full costs of treatment of a disease or injury which is covered by health insurance).

Then based on the National Medical Care Expenditure above, the following expenditures are estimated using percentages given by a range of surveys: National Medical Care Expenditure by source of funds, National Medical Care Expenditure by type of treatment, National Medical Care Expenditure by age group, National Medical Care Expenditure by gender and age group, and medical treatment expenditure by disease classification.

3 Definitions

(1) National Medical Care Expenditure by source of funds

Public funds	Funds provided by the national treasury or local governments under the public funded medical system, health insurance system, and medical care system for the latter-stage elderly.
Insurance premiums	Amounts covered by business owners and the insured persons under the health insurance system, medical care system for the latter-stage elderly, and industrial accident compensation insurance system, etc.
Other	Patient funded and responsible party funded elements (relief benefits, etc. under the Act on Compensation, etc. for Pollution-related Health Damage and the Relief System for Injury to Health).

(2) National Medical Care Expenditure by type of medical treatment

Medical treatment expenditure	Expenditure on medical treatment
Dental treatment expenditure	Expenditure on dental treatment
Pharmacy dispensing medical expenditure	Amounts for drugs provided via a pharmacist using a prescription (sum of technical fee such as dispensing basic fee, and drug fee).
Food and living care expenditure during admission	Total of food care expenditure during admission, food care standard costs, life care expenditure during admission and life care standard costs.

Home-visit nursing medical expenditure

Total of home-visit nursing care expenditure, elderly home-visit nursing care expenditure, and basic charges for each.

Recuperative treatment expenditure, etc.

Costs for treatment by judo therapists or acupuncturists, etc., transport costs and prosthetic device expenditure coming under health insurance benefits.

4 Notes

(1) Symbols used in the tables

No data	—
Item or category not applicable	•
Data not available or applicable	...
Estimate is less than half of one unit or a small percentage	0, 0.0
Decreasing number (percentage)	Δ

(2) As figures in the outline are rounded, totals of breakdowns may not agree with the total.

(3) The National Medical Care Expenditure per capita was calculated based on the total population given by the "population census" and "population estimates" of the Statistics Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.