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Results of Statistics of Medical Care Activities in Public Health Insurance for 2017

At the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, we compiled the results of "Statistics of Medical Care Activities in Public Health Insurance" for 2017, and hereby release them.

We prepare "Statistics of Medical Care Activities in Public Health Insurance" every year for the purpose of clarifying details of medical care activities concerning recipients of medical benefits, injuries and sickness, details of dispensing activities, use of drugs and other information in order to obtain the basic data required for the administration of health insurance.

Among the receipts (health insurance claims of medical fees for medical care and dental care, and health insurance claims of dispensing fees for insured pharmacy) that were submitted to the Prefectural branches of Health Insurance Claims Review and Reimbursement Services and the Federation of National Health Insurance Organizations, and then examined and determined as part of the examination for June 2017, this tabulation targets all of the receipts accumulated in the database for receipt information and specific health checkups (NDB).

The results released in this tabulation are based on 85,576,460 medical care receipts, 17,698,594 dental care receipts and 53,666,174 insured pharmacy receipts.

[Key Results]

1. Inpatient medical care

- 51,989.7 points per case (a 2.0% increase from the previous year)
- 3,398.6 points per day (a 3.7% increase YoY) [See Table 1 and Figure 1 on Page 3]

2. Outpatient medical care

- 1,341.6 points per case (a 1.7% increase from the previous year)
- 853.7 points per day (a 1.1% increase YoY) [See Table 2 and Figure 2 on Page 4]

3. Dental care

- 1,244.8 points per case (a 0.6% increase from the previous year)
- 684.8 points per day (a 0.7% increase YoY) [See Table 8 and Figure 9 on Page 11]

4. Pharmacy Dispensing

- 1,109.4 points per case (a 2.1% increase from the previous year)
- 887.9 points per reception (a 1.3% increase YoY) [See Table 10 and Figure 11 on Page 13]

5. Use of generic drugs (the percentage based on the number of drug types)

- Total: 64.1% (an increase of 3.8 points from the previous year)
- Hospitalization: 62.2% (an increase of 5.1 points YoY)
- In-hospital prescriptions (outpatient medication): 57.3% (an increase of 3.3 points YoY)
- Out-hospital prescriptions (pharmacy dispensing): 66.2% (an increase of 3.8 points YoY)

[See Table 14 on Page 18]