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Results of Statistics of Medical Care Activities in Public Health Insurance for 2020

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare compiled the results of "Statistics of Medical Care Activities in Public Health Insurance" for 2020, 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, conditions of injuries/diseases, details of pharmacy dispensing activities, use of medicines, etc., concerning recipients of medical benefits under the health insurance system 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 2020, 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 68,168,704 medical care receipts, 14,124,412 dental care receipts and 44,919,108 insured pharmacy receipts.

[Note on Statistical Results Related to the COVID-19] (See back page)

- Due to the COVID-19, the number of receipts subject to tabulation decreased significantly by approximately 20% from the previous year, and as a result, the actual number of days for treatment and points (medical fee points) also decreased significantly.
- Note that "points per case" are the points (medical fee points) divided by the total number of receipts, and therefore, even if the "points per case" have increased, the points (medical fee points) have decreased due to a significant decrease in the number of receipts.
- *The same applies to "points per day."

[Key Results]

1 Inpatient medical care

- 57,074.2 points per case (up 5.3% YoY)
- 3,446.6 points per day (down 2.3% YoY) [See Table 1 and Figure 1 on Page 3]

2 Outpatient medical care

- 1,445.0 points per case (up 4.9% YoY)
- 979.0 points per day (up 7.0% YoY) [See Table 2 and Figure 2 on Page 4]

3 Dental care

- 1,327.7 points per case (up 10.7% YoY)
- 757.6 points per day (up 7.3% YoY) [See Table 8 and Figure 9 on Page 11]

4 Pharmacy dispensing

- 1,179.7 points per case (up 9.7% YoY)
- 996.9 points per reception (up 12.0% 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: 75.6% (up 2.5 points YoY)
- Hospitalization: 72.5% (up 3.2 points YoY)
- In-hospital prescriptions (outpatient medication): 65.5% (up 2.4 points YoY)
- Out-hospital prescriptions (pharmacy dispensing): 78.2% (up 2.4 points YoY) [See Table 14 on Page 18]

Please click here for the details (Japanese only).

[Reference] Changes in the Number of Receipts, etc., Subject to Tabulation of Statistics of Medical Care Activities in Public Health Insurance (YoY Percentage Changes)

1. Number of cases

(Unit: %) (Reviewed in June of each year)

	Total	Medical care		Dental care	Pharmacy
		Inpatient	Outpatient	Delital Care	dispensing
2016	1.9	0.6	1.5	2.5	2.6
2017	3.8	3.2	3.2	4.4	4.4
2018	0.6	0.1	0.2	1.7	1.0
2019	0.1	0.9	0.7	2.7	0.1
2020	19.3	16.2	20.0	23.6	17.0

2. Number of days (number of receptions for pharmacy dispensing)

(Unit: %) (Reviewed in June of each year)

	Total	Medical care		Dental care	Pharmacy
		Inpatient	Outpatient	Dental Care	dispensing
2016	0.5	0.6	0.2	1.4	1.5
2017	3.9	1.5	3.8	4.2	5.2
2018	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.1
2019	2.7	0.2	3.7	2.2	2.6
2020	19.2	9.7	21.6	21.2	18.7

3. Points

(Unit: %) (Reviewed in June of each year)

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	Total	Medical care		Dental care	Pharmacy	
		Inpatient	Outpatient	Dental Care	dispensing	
2016	1.7	2.1	2.2	3.4	0.5	
2017	5.4	5.3	4.9	4.9	6.6	
2018	0.9	2.2	1.5	2.0	3.4	
2019	0.8	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.1	
2020	13.1	11.8	16.1	15.5	8.9	

4. Points per case

(Unit: %) (Reviewed in June of each year)

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	Total	Medic	al care	Dental care	Pharmacy
		Inpatient	Outpatient	Dental Care	dispensing
2016	0.2	1.4	0.8	0.8	3.0
2017	1.6	2.0	1.7	0.6	2.1
2018	0.2	2.1	1.3	0.3	4.3
2019	1.0	2.2	1.3	3.9	1.3
2020	7.8	5.3	4.9	10.7	9.7

5. Points per day (points per reception for pharmacy dispensing)

(Unit: %) (Reviewed in June of each year)

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	Total	Medic	al care	Dental care	Pharmacy
		Inpatient	Outpatient	Dental Care	dispensing
2016	1.2	2.7	2.1	1.9	2.0
2017	1.4	3.7	1.1	0.7	1.3
2018	1.4	2.7	2.5	2.2	3.5
2019	3.7	1.1	4.5	0.9	3.8
2020	7.6	2.3	7.0	7.3	12.0