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Results of Statistics of Medical Care Activities in Public Health Insurance for 2021

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare compiled the results of “Statistics of Medical Care Activities in Public Health Insurance” for 2021, 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 2021, this tabulation targets all of the receipts accumulated in National Database of Health Insurance Claims and Specific Health Checkups of Japan (NDB).

The results released in this tabulation are based on 79,149,849 medical care receipts, 18,109,591 dental care receipts, and 50,966,149 insured pharmacy receipts.

The number of receipts subject to the tabulation in 2021 increased by about 17% compared to the previous year (the number in 2020 decreased by about 20% year-on-year). Refer to the reverse side for past percentages change on previous year.

[Key Results]

1. Inpatient medical care

- 58,233.9 points per case (up 2.0% YoY)

- 3,710.2 points per day (up 7.6% YoY) [See Table 1 and Figure 1 on Page 3]

2. Outpatient medical care

- 1,455.0 points per case (up 0.7% YoY)

- 987.8 points per day (up 0.9% YoY) [See Table 2 and Figure 2 on Page 4]

3. Dental care

- 1,272.3 points per case (down 4.2% YoY)

- 778.0 points per day (up 2.7% YoY) [See Table 8 and Figure 9 on Page 11]

4. Pharmacy dispensing

- 1,099.5 points per case (down 6.8% YoY)

- 928.9 points per reception (down 6.8% 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 77.8% (up 2.2 points YoY)

- Hospitalization: 74.3% (up 1.8 points YoY)

- In-hospital prescription (outpatient medication): 67.0% (up 1.5 points YoY)

- Out-hospital prescription (pharmacy dispensing): 80.4% (up 2.2 points YoY) [See Table 14 on Page 18]

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 dispensing
		Inpatient	Outpatient		
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
2021	16.5	7.9	16.3	28.2	13.5

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

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

	Total	Medical care		Dental care	Pharmacy dispensing
		Inpatient	Outpatient		
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
2021	13.8	2.3	16.1	19.6	13.5

3. Points

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

	Total	Medical care		Dental care	Pharmacy dispensing
		Inpatient	Outpatient		
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
2021	12.6	10.1	17.1	22.9	5.7

4. Points per case

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

	Total	Medical care		Dental care	Pharmacy dispensing
		Inpatient	Outpatient		
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
2021	△ 3.4	2.0	0.7	△ 4.2	△ 6.8

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

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

	Total	Medical care		Dental care	Pharmacy dispensing
		Inpatient	Outpatient		
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
2021	△ 1.0	7.6	0.9	2.7	△ 6.8