

## Provide explanation by documents at the time hospitalization (the Medical Care Act) (revised in FY 2006)

Legally establish in the Medical Care Act that managers of hospitals and clinics formulate, issue, and explain treatment plans at the beginning/end of hospitalization.

[Overview of revised system]

### Obligation to provide treatment plans at the beginning of hospitalization

Managers of medical institutions are obligated to prepare, issue, and appropriately explain treatment plans describing treatments to be provided to patients during hospitalization.

In doing so, managers are obligated to make efforts to reflect knowledge of medical professionals of hospitals/clinics and facilitate organized cooperation with them.

(Items to be described in the treatment plan)

Name, date of birth, and sex of the patient

Name of a doctor or dentist who is in charge of providing treatment to the patient

Specify disease or injury that caused hospitalization and main symptoms

Plans for examinations, surgeries, medications, and other treatments to be provided during hospitalization

Other items designated by the Ordinance of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

### Obligation to make efforts to provide recuperation plans at the end of hospitalization

Managers of medical institutions are obligated to make efforts to prepare, issue, and appropriately explain recuperation plans describing matters regarding required health care, medical care, and welfare services after hospitalization.

In doing so, managers are obligated to make efforts to cooperate with health care, medical care, and welfare service providers.

[Effects] – Improvement of information provided to patients, – Improved informed consent, – Promotion of team medical care, – Enhanced cooperation with other medical institutions (displaying so-called adjustment function for leaving hospital), and – Promotion of evidence-based medicine (EBM), etc.