

Overview

[The Relief System for Sufferers from Adverse Drug Reactions]

The purpose of this system is to provide various relief benefits and prompt relief to patients and their families, apart from civil liabilities, in relation to health damage caused by adverse reactions in spite of proper use of drugs.

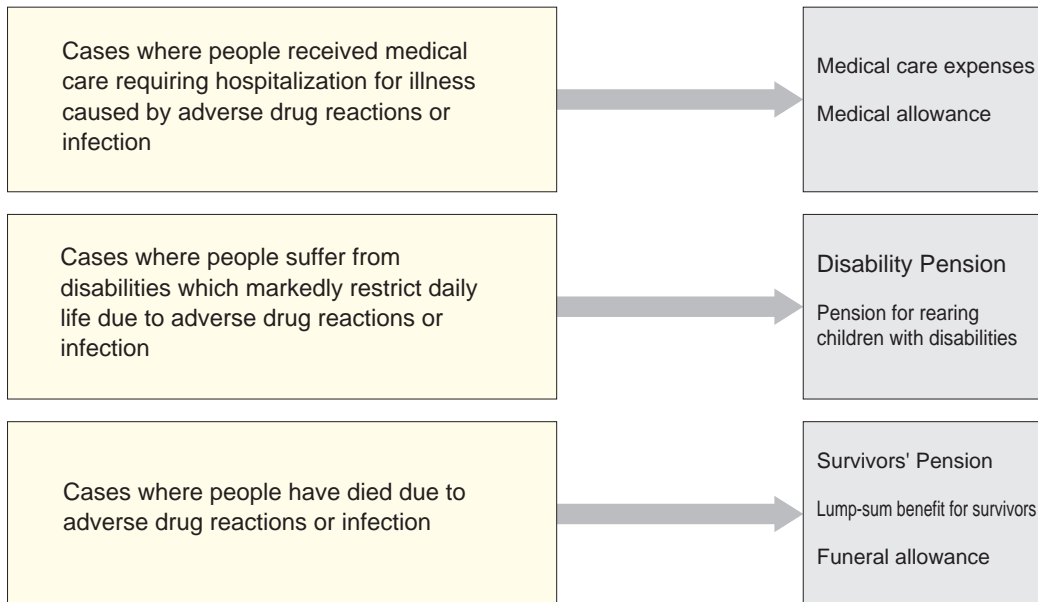
[The Relief System for Sufferers from Diseases Infected from Biological Products]

The purpose of this system is to provide various relief benefits in relation to health damage caused by infection, etc, in spite of proper use of biological products, apart from civil liability, and to provide prompt relief for patients and families.

[The Provider of Relief System]

Pharmaceuticals
and Medical Devices Agency

[Types of Relief Benefits]



[Activities on the Relief for Caused Damages]

The Agency (former Organization for Drug ADR Relief, R&D Promotion and product Review), since 1979, has been commissioned by pharmaceutical enterprises and the government to pay health management allowances, etc. to SMON (subacute myelo-optico-neuropathy) patients who have settled the lawsuit out of court.

[The Relief Program for AIDS patients, etc. caused by Blood Products]

A survey and research program has been carried out since FY 1993 for helping HIV carriers infected through the use of contaminated blood products to prevent them from developing symptoms. For the prevention of the onset of AIDS and for health management in daily life, the government provides health management expenses and in turn requests the carriers report their health status.

Since FY 1996, assistance on health management expenses has been provided for the health management of people who developed AIDS and accepted the court settlement.