Outline of Mental Health and Welfare Service

**Involuntary hospitalization by the prefectural governors, or emergency involuntary hospitalization by the prefectural governors**

- Persons with mental disorders likely to harm themselves and others if not hospitalized
- Hospitalization measure by prefectural governors requiring that diagnosis from two designated doctors be coincident
- Transfer (Article 29-2-2 of MHA)
- Investigation by prefectural governor (Article 27 of MHA)

**Involuntary hospitalization by medical care by a designated mental health doctor (Article 27 of MHA)**

- Persons with mental disorders in need of hospitalization, who have no possibility to harm themselves and others, and in need of prompt hospitalization
- Hospitalization measure by prefectural governors requiring that diagnosis from a designated doctor be coincident
- Transfer (Article 29-2-2 of MHA)
- Investigation by prefectural governor (Article 27 of MHA)

**Emergency hospitalization for medical care and protection**

- Persons with mental disorders in need of hospitalization under immediate situation who can’t obtain consent from a guardian
- Medical care by a designated doctor
- Duration of hospitalization within 72 hours
- Hospitalization, etc. within 12 hours shall be available in the case of emergency and necessity, by diagnosis from a doctor that satisfies certain requirements (specified doctor) in medical institutions that is found to satisfy certain requirements
- Transfer (Article 34 of MHA)

**Emergency hospitalization**

- Persons with mental disorders in need of hospitalization under immediate situation who can’t obtain consent from a guardian
- Medical care by a designated doctor
- Duration of hospitalization within 72 hours
- Hospitalization, etc. within 12 hours shall be available in the case of emergency and necessity, by diagnosis from a doctor that satisfies certain requirements (specified doctor) in medical institutions that is found to satisfy certain requirements
- Transfer (Article 34 of MHA)

**Voluntary hospitalization**

- Persons with mental disorders in need of hospitalization who consent to hospitalization
- Diagnosis from designated doctor is not required, but first-person informed content is necessary

**Outpatient psychiatric care**

- Medical payment for services and supports for persons with disabilities
  - Examination committee for ambulatory mental medical service (Article 33 of SSPDA)
  - Persons who needs ambulant mental treatment continuously and obtained grant approval of a prefectural governor or head of a Designated City
  - Renewal term is one year
  - Patient’s self-pay burden shall be 10 percent of medical costs after applying medical insurance (burden cap is set depending on the type of disease and income,) and the portion left shall be borne by public expenditure (national 50%, prefectures or designated city 50%)

**Hospital discharge**

- Restrictions on movement (Article 36 of MHA)
- Maintenance of confidentiality (Article 53 of MHA)
- Request for discharge, etc. (Article 38-4 of MHA)

**Community life support**

- Medical health and welfare centers
  - Ambulant mental medical service centers
  - Health centers (home-visit guidance and others)
  - Community life support center, etc.

Note: In this table, the following terms shall be abbreviated as follows: Act on Mental Health and Welfare for the Mentally Disabled (1950; Law No.123): MHA, Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities Act (2005; Law No.123): SSPDA. In the table, the term “prefectural governors” shall be deemed to be replaced with “prefectural governors or mayors of designated city.”