

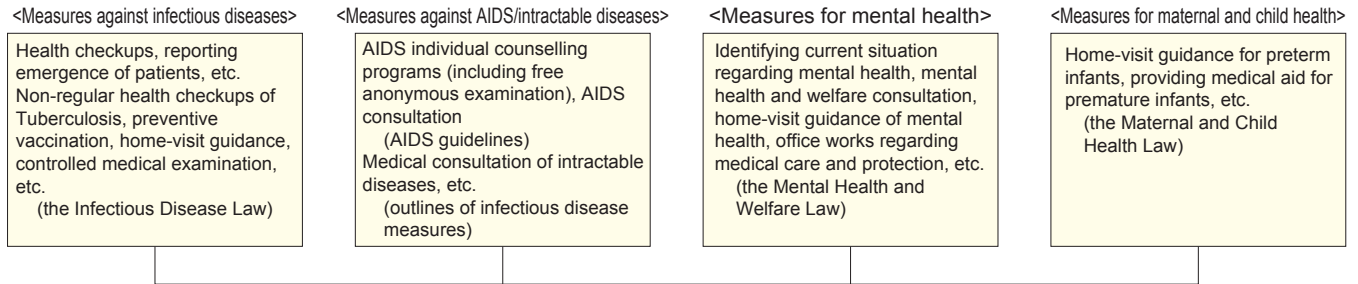
Overview

Activities of Health Centers

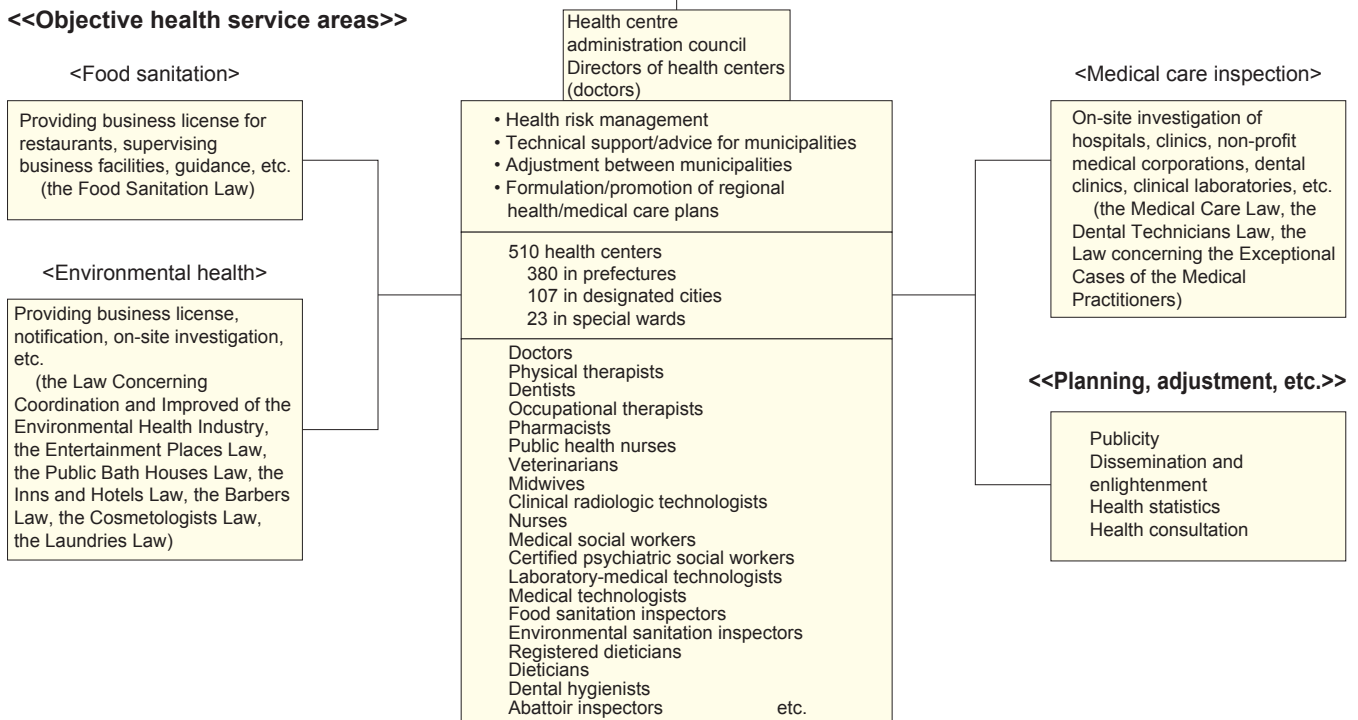
Health centers are front-line comprehensive public health administrative institutions to offer both personal and objective health services. Personal health services include broad-based services, those requiring specialized technologies, and services requiring team work of various health care professionals. In addition, health centers provide required technical support for health services of municipalities.

Health centers are established in 380 locations in 47 prefectures, 107 locations in 66 designated cities, and 23 locations in 23 special wards under the Community Health Law. (As of April 1, 2009)

<<Personal health service areas>>



<<Objective health service areas>>



* In addition to these activities, health centers provide license for opening pharmacies (the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law), take custody of dogs to prevent the spread of rabies (the Rabies Protection Law), and accept applications for opening massage clinics, etc. (the Law for Practitioners of Massage, Finger Pressure, Acupuncture and Moxacauterization, etc.).