

[9] Health Care and Welfare Measures for People with Physical Disabilities

Benefits for Welfare Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities

Overview Structure of Benefits for Welfare Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities (enforced in October 2006)

Services	Number of offices	Number of users	Contents of services	
In-home long-ter care (home help)	14,698	113,697	Provide in-home care for bathing, elimination, meals, etc.	Long-term care benefits
Home-visit care for persons with severe disabilities	4,848	8,090	Provide comprehensive support to persons with severe physical disabilities, who need nursing care continuously with care in their residences, to support meals, bath, elimination and nursing care during transportation when they go out	
Activity support services	1,010	5,451	Provide persons with insufficient judgment with necessary support for avoiding danger which could occur when such persons conduct by themselves and care during transportation when they go out	
Comprehensive support for persons with severe disabilities	8	25	Provide persons whose degrees of necessity for nursing care are very high with comprehensive welfare services such as home help service and other various services	
Day services for children	1,837	56,479	Provide children with disabilities with instruction about basic actions in daily life, adaptive trainings to group living, etc.	
Short-stay service	3,196	29,074	Provide persons who need nursing care with short-time placement in support facilities including nighttime, due to sickness of their in-home caretakers or other reasons, to offer care for bath, elimination, meals, etc.	
Medical lng-term care	36	2,126	Provide persons with disabilities who need medical and continuous nursing care with functional training, care management, nursing care, daily care, etc. in medical institutions	
Care for daily life	4,726	138,305	Provide persons with disabilities who need nursing care continuously with care for bath, elimination, meals as well as opportunities for creative or productive activities mainly in the daytime	
Nighttime support, etc. in support facilities for persons with disabilities (support for residential care)	1,247	68,828	Provide persons with disabilities living in support facilities with care for bath, elimination, meals, etc. during nighttime and holidays	
Group home with care (care home)	3,432	39,754	Provide persons leading a communal life with care for bath, elimination, meals, etc. in their residence during nighttime and holidays	
Rehabilitation service (trainings for improving physical function and social abilities)	1,091	12,267	Provide persons with disabilities with trainings for improving physical function or social abilities for a certain period so that they can live independent daily and social life	Benefits for training, etc.
Transition support for employment	1,830	20,253	Provide persons with disabilities who desire to work in a private company, etc. with necessary trainings for improving knowledge and skills needed to enter the work-force for a certain period	
Continued employment support for employment (type A/B)	5,258	109,062	Provide persons with disabilities who have difficulties to work in a private company, etc. with opportunities for employment as well as necessary trainings for improving knowledge and skills needed to enter the work-force	
Group home with aid (group home)	3,043	21,534	Provide persons leading communal lives in with consultation and other aid in their daily lives in their residence during nighttime and holidays	

* The number of offices and users are obtained by extraction and counting on the basis of the actual payment data of the Federation of National Health Insurance Associations.

* The existing rehabilitation facilities for persons with physical disabilities, care facilities for persons with mental retardation, social rehabilitation facilities for persons with mental disorders, etc. shall shift to new system services in the period of transition measures by March 2012.

Combination of Daytime Activity and Living Place

Service combination is available as an option by dividing services of living facilities into daytime service (daytime activity program) and nighttime service (housing support program).

In using the program, personalized support plan shall be made to provide services that meet respective purpose of use.

Place of daytime activity Select one or more programs below

- Medical long-term care (medical type) *
- Care for daily life (welfare type)
- Rehabilitation service (training for improving physical function and social abilities)
- Transition support for employment
- Continued employment support (type A/B)
- Local activity support center (community life support services)



Place of living

- Support for placement at support facilities for persons with disability
- or
- Housing support services (functioning of care homes, group homes, and welfare homes)

* Medical care shall be implemented in combination with admission to medical institutions

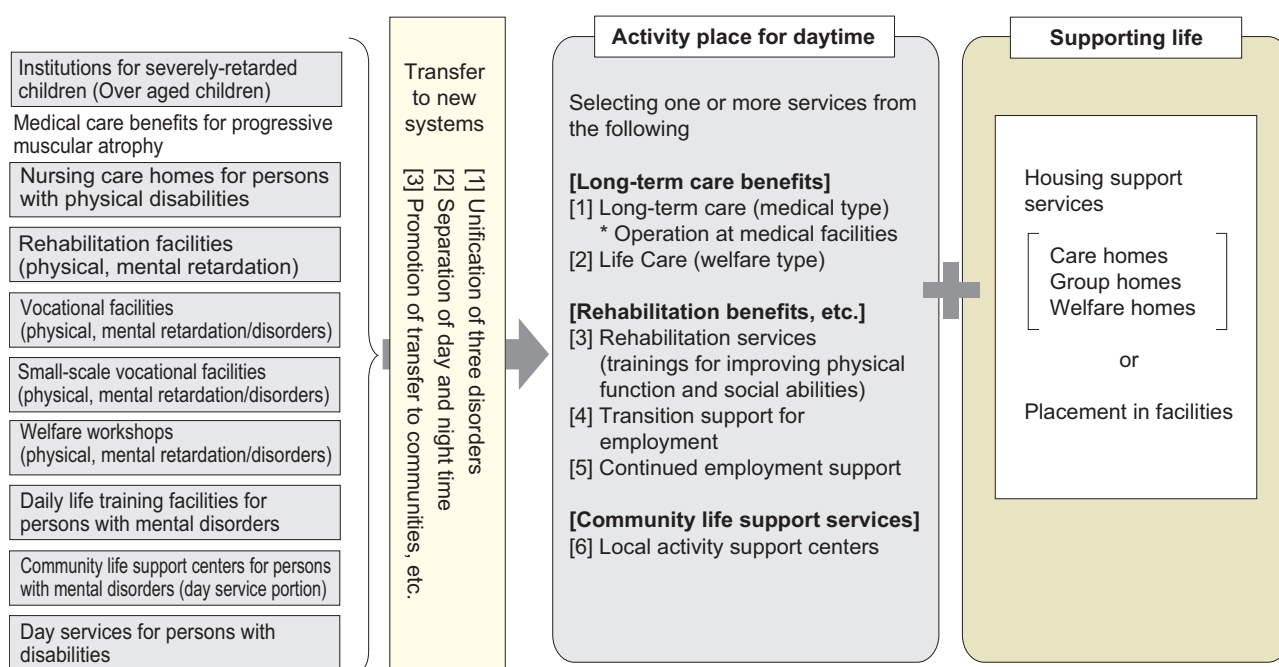
Community Life Support Services and Individual Benefits

	Community life support services	Individual benefits
Characteristics	Services that can be implemented by local governments in a flexible manner according to the actual situation in regions	Benefits that correspond to specific and individual needs such as nursing care, training for employment, etc.
Flow of costs	Implemented by municipalities (municipalities shall implement services for themselves or by delegating to business operators, etc.)	Benefits to individual users (business operators receive benefits by procurement in practice)
Users	Discretion of implementing body	Recognition of classification of disability levels (for long-term care benefits, recognition is required only for persons aged 18 and older; unnecessary for payment for training, etc.) and grant decision are necessary
Usage fee	Discretion of implementing body	Fixed rate burden (reduced burden measure available for low-income people)
Criteria of service implementation	Discretion of implementing body (management criteria partly apply: community activity support centers, welfare homes)	Designated criteria (criteria of staff, facility, and management), etc. shall be applied
Financial resource	Subsidy (local allocation tax measures partly apply) subsidy ratio: <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-left: 20px;"> National up to 50% for prefectural services National up to 50%, prefecture up to 25% for municipal services </div>	Subsidy (burden ratio: national 50% prefectures and cities: 25% each)

Reformation toward User-oriented Service Provision Systems

<Before reformation: former system>

<After reformation: new system>



* Transfer of the former system to the new system under the Services and Supports for Persons with Disabilities Act is scheduled to be completed by March 2012 (the rate of transfer: 56.5% (October 1, 2010)).

System of Certification for Persons with Disabilities

	Number of certificates issued (thousand)	Verification provisions	Responsible entities	Application desk
Physical disability certificate	5,108	Article 15 of the Act on Welfare of Physically Disabled Persons	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities, Mayors of core cities,	Directors of welfare offices that administers place of residence (or mayors of towns and villages in the case a town or a village has no welfare office)
Medical rehabilitation handbook	817	Medical rehabilitation handbook system (Notification No.156 from Children and Families Bureau of the Ministry of Health and Welfare in 1973)	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities	Directors of welfare offices that administers place of residence (or mayors of towns and villages in the case a town or a village has no welfare office)
Mental disability certificate	544 (The number registered in the benefit payment book as of the end of fiscal years deducted by the number expired)	Article 45 of Act on Mental Health and Welfare for the Mentally Disabled	Prefectural governors Mayors of designated cities	Mayors of municipalities that administers place of residence

Source: "Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services FY2009" for the number of physical disability certificates and that of medical rehabilitation handbooks, and "Report on Public Health Administration and Services FY2009" for the number of

Detailed Data

Number of Persons with Disabilities (estimate)

		Total	Persons living at home	Persons accommodated in facilities
Children/adults with physical disabilities	Younger than 18	98,000	93,000	5,000
	18 or older	3,564,000	3,483,000	81,000
	Total	3,663,000 (29)	3,576,000 (28)	87,000 (1)
Children/adults with mental retardation	Younger than 18	125,000	117,000	8,000
	18 or older	410,000	290,000	120,000
	Unknown age	12,000	12,000	0
	Total	547,000 (4)	419,000 (3)	128,000 (1)

		Total	Outpatient	Inpatient
Persons with mental disorders	Younger than 20	178,000	174,000	4,000
	20 or older	3,054,000	2,725,000	329,000
	Unknown age	6,000	5,000	1,000
	Total	3,233,000 (25)	2,900,000 (23)	333,000 (3)

Source:

"Persons with physical disabilities"

Persons living at home: "Survey on persons with physical disability" (2006), MHLW

Persons accommodated in facilities: "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions" (2006), MHLW, etc.

"Persons with mental retardation"

Persons living at home: "Survey on persons with intellectual disability" (2005), MHLW

Persons accommodated in facilities: "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions" (2005), MHLW

"Persons with mental disorders"

Outpatients: Dept. of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW based on the "Patient Survey" (2008), MHLW

Inpatients: Dept. of Health and Welfare for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW based on the "Patient Survey" (2008), MHLW

(Note) 1. The figures in parentheses indicate the number of persons per population of 1,000 (base on 2005 Population Census).

2. The number of persons with mental disorders is calculated by adding the number of epilepsy and Alzheimer patients to the number of patients of "V Mental and behavioural disorders" of ICD-10 with mental retardation excluded.

In addition, the number for each age group is rounded, thus the sum of breakdowns may not equal the total.

3. The number of persons with physical disabilities who are accommodate in facilities do not include those accommodated in facilities for the elderly.

4. The number of persons is rounded, thus the sum of breakdowns may not equal the total.