

Detailed Information 3 Users' Expenses

1. Fixed burden of 10% of the service cost, plus residence/meal costs are borne in principle by the hospitalized or institutionalized elderly
2. In case where the 10% burden bearing accounts for a large amount, high-cost long-term (preventive) care service benefits will be paid
3. Special care shall be paid to people with low income regarding 10% burden bearing and residence/meal cost burdens

<High-cost long-term care service benefits>

Income level	Ceiling amount for household
(1) Those not in (2) or (3) below	¥37,200
(2) ①Those in municipal-tax exempt household	①¥24,600
②In case reduction to ¥24,600 does not make them ineligible for public assistance	②¥24,600
(a) Those with total income including the pension income of ¥800,000 or less in the municipal-tax exempt household	Individual ¥15,000
(b) Recipients of Old-age Welfare Pension in the municipal-tax exempt household	Individual ¥15,000
(3) ①Recipients of public assistance	①Individual ¥15,000
②In case reduction to ¥15,000 does not make them ineligible for public assistance	②¥15,000

* Figures indicated as individual represent the ceiling amount for individuals in the households.

* For those in special nursing home for the elderly (subjects for measures in the old system) at the time of enforcement of the system, reduction and exemption measures according to their income level are taken for 5 years from April 1, 2005.

Detailed Information 4 Procedures for Using the System

1. Municipalities are responsible for certification of long-term care and support needs based on the evaluation results by the Certification Committee for Long-term Care Need

The Certification Committee for Long-term Care Need is responsible for the evaluation and judgement based on investigation results of the insured's mental and physical conditions and on family doctors' letters of opinions (evaluation and judgement can be entrusted to prefectures)

* The nationally uniform criteria for long-term care need certification are established objectively.

>Benefits according to the levels of long-term care need are set (benefit limit standard amounts are set for in-home care)

○Benefit limits for in-home care benefits are approximately ¥50,000 to ¥358,000 per month according to the levels of long-term care need (7 levels including the levels of support need)

(Benefit limit standard amounts for in-home services)

Level of long-term care need	Benefit limit standard amounts
Requiring support 1	4,970 units/month
Requiring support 2	10,400 units/month
Requiring long-term care 1	16,580 units/month
Requiring long-term care 2	19,480 units/month
Requiring long-term care 3	26,750 units/month
Requiring long-term care 4	30,600 units/month
Requiring long-term care 5	35,830 units/month

* 1 unit: ¥10 to ¥11.05 (subject to regions and service types)

○Benefits amounts are set also for facility benefits by facility type, according to the levels of long-term care need

2. To provide comprehensive and systematic services suitable for the needs of users, it is fundamental to prepare long-term case service plans (care plans)