Fee for Treatment of Patients' Choice

To coordinate the allocation of functions and activities among medical institutions, the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare has instituted a system under which a patient is required to pay a fee fixed by each institution, in addition to the fee for the first visit, if the patient is visiting a hospital with 200 or more beds without being referred by another authorized insurance medical institution.

If you are a new patient to this hospital and you do not have a referral letter (a patient referral document) from another authorized insurance medical institution, you will therefore be asked to pay a "fee for treatment of patients' choice" in addition to the first visit fee.

If you undergo specific health care that is publicly funded or if you are taken to the hospital by ambulance, you are not required to pay this fee.