

Elderly Housing and Long-Term Care Insurance

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Abstract

This study discusses three problems about housing for elderly from the view point of “comprehensive community care system”. The system aims at establishing a community that guarantees a secure life to all the people building a society where the elderly can live with dignity. The Japanese original system has developed a variety of care homes in communities and became the indispensable system for the elderly requiring long-term care.

The first problem is an imbalance of supply capacity between construction of nursing care homes and care service for elderly housing. The second problem is the way to control the amount of the houses for the elderly. This entry regulation has developed “a unmet excess demand for institutional care”. The third problem is the inconsistency between cost burden and policy support about multifunctional in-home care service in “comprehensive community care system”.

This study suggests consideration of policies and specific actions for these problems. First of all, we make a proposition of orderly disposition in cost sharing for “comprehensive community care” service and consistent application of policy-support. Secondly, we think a great deal of “management of community resource and financing” to control for “unmet excess demand” and to develop systematically of “comprehensive community care system”.