

Announcement on joint subsidizing operations concerning benefits for high-cost medical care by the YG Health Insurance Society and the National Federation of Health Insurance Societies

YG Health Insurance Society

In principle, under the Act on the Protection of Personal Information, the provision of personal information to third parties requires the consent of the individuals in question. However, by law, cases involving ① provision to subcontractors; ② provision through merger or similar activities; or ③ joint use within a single group do not constitute cases of provision to third parties. The YG Health Insurance Society (“Society” hereinafter) uses data on medical cost details jointly with the National Federation of Health Insurance Societies (“NFHIS” hereinafter) to receive grants from the NFHIS when the Society encounters high medical care costs (“high-cost medical care operations” hereinafter).

Accordingly, the Society hereby announces the following information as required by law: ① the fact of joint use; ② items of personal data subject to joint use; ③ the scope of parties involved in joint use; ④ purposes of use by those involved in joint use; and ⑤ the names of those responsible for managing personal data.

1. Joint high-cost medical care operations with the NFHIS

Under Article 2 of the Supplementary Provisions of the Health Insurance Act, when the Society encounters high medical care costs, the NFHIS will provide grants to defray a portion of these costs. When applying for these grants, the Society must submit the following documents to the High-Cost Medical Care Group of the NFHIS: ① as medical cost details (including the pharmaceutical statement, hereinafter referred to collectively as “*rezept*”), a CSV-formatted electronic *rezept* or a copy of a *rezept* in paper form and ② “data of payment

of a subsidy with summary of the details” or an “application for payment of a subsidy with summary of the details” recording (showing) information such as the patient name on the *rezept*, his or her gender, whether he or she is the insured person or a dependent, whether the care provided was inpatient or outpatient, the year and month in which the care was provided, and the amount billed in the *rezept*. Providing this information helps reduce Society expenditures for high-cost medical care.

2. Items of personal data subject to joint use

All items of data indicated on the *rezept*, in addition to items appearing in the “data of payment of a subsidy with summary of the details” or “application for payment of a subsidy with summary of the details” described in the preceding paragraph

3. Scope of parties involved in joint use of *rezept* data

- YG Health Insurance Society
- NFHIS: personnel in the High-Cost Medical Care Group
- Business subcontractors: Information Systems Department of the Japan Productivity Center and partner companies

4. Purposes of use by parties involved in joint use of *rezept* data

- The Society uses *rezept* data to apply for grants to help defray the cost of high-cost medical care operations.

The High-Cost Medical Care Group of the NFHIS receives applications from all health insurance societies operating in Japan and uses this data to check the accuracy of applications from each society and to provide appropriate grants. It also uses *rezepts* involving particularly high costs of 10 million yen or more per month as data to address growing medical care costs by releasing information (after removing any personal

information) such as amounts and names of main diseases involving high-cost medical care.

5. Names of parties responsible for managing *rezept* data, etc.

The persons responsible for managing *rezept* data are the Managing Director of the YG Health Insurance Society and the Group Manager of the High-Cost Medical Care Group of the NFHIS.