

Structure of the Long-Term Care Insurance System

- The number of the elderly increased rapidly through the year 2015, and the population of later-stage elderly people (age 75 and over) is also forecast to increase subsequent to the year 2015.
- In order to appropriately deal with long-term care issues peculiar to aging societies, the long-term care insurance system was initiated in April 2000 so that people who need long-term care can receive sufficient support from all aspects of society. After the launch of the system, there was a rapid increase in the use of long-term care, especially home care service. The long-term care insurance system has now come to play an important role as a system designed to assure a comfortable life for elderly people and their family members.
- The long-term care insurance system gives those in need of long-term care due to old age-induced disease, or for other reasons, the services required--in a comprehensive and uniform way--so that they can lead an independent life to the greatest possible extent. This is a user-oriented system where you can use the services you choose yourself.
- The system is primarily operated and managed by the local municipality where residents live. The national and Tokyo Metropolitan governments provide support to the process management to render it smoother.

