Starting at the beginning of April 2018

● **Care-based medical facility established**
  The care-based medical facility is a new kind of facility equipped with the functions of routine medical management and attending dying persons and those requiring terminal care, etc., and another function as a living facility.

● **Mutual support service established**
  A new mutual-support living service was established within the system of care insurance and welfare for the handicapped. Under this system, when users of the social welfare service for the handicapped become elderly, they are eligible to receive care insurance services at the same facility continuously.

● **Insurance premium cost criteria for enrollees aged 65 and up have changed partially**
  The criteria for determining level of insurance premium cost will be total transfer income from land, buildings, etc., minus a special deduction.

  In addition, under the criteria used to determine insurance premium Levels 1 through 5, the premium amount will be total income minus income derived from annual pension payments.

Starting at the beginning of August 2018

● **For users with a higher income than the amount indicated, the proportion of the burden is changed**
  Among users whose proportion of the cost burden is 20%, where the user’s income is high, the proportion of the cost is raised to 30%, although the upper limit of the cost is ¥44,400 monthly.

Starting at the beginning of October 2018

● **An upper limit is set for lending cost on social welfare tools**
  The nationwide average lending cost of each product is published officially and the upper limit of the lending cost is predetermined. In borrowing any social welfare tool, the user is first provided with information from the provider on the nationwide average lending expenses and the lending expenses of the provider. In addition, as of April 2018, an array of products with different functions and costs are presented to the user, so that the user can select the most appropriate social welfare tool.