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When you are diagnosed with tuberculosis and hospitalized (Article 37)

★ **What is tuberculosis?**

Tuberculosis is a disease that is brought infection principally in the lung, absorbed tubercle bacillus. Even though being taken ill, in case of light level of the disease, contained no tubercle bacillus in the phlegm, there is no possibility to infect the others.

In case of being derived tubercle bacillus in the phlegm, tubercle bacillus will be scattered when coughing or sneezing. And if people surrounded absorb it, there will have a possibility to be infected. (Even in case of getting infected, it is not necessary to develop the disease.)

Tuberculosis is a curable disease when taking medicines in accordance with doctor's indication. Once started taking medication of tuberculosis, the bacillus will be drastically decreased.

★ **Notification of tuberculosis**

As tuberculosis is an infected disease, the doctor who diagnoses the patient should notify his/her address, name, date of birth, sex and occupation to Hoken jo (health center), based upon the law.

The health center which receives the notification from the doctor will have a hearing of symptom, life styles and others, through the interviews with the patient and his/her family, having information from the medical institutions.

★ **Hospital admission admonishment and Human rights protection**

In case the health center determines someone as a tuberculosis patient who gives a possibility to infect the persons with whom live together after having had a hearing, the health center will give the patient "Hospital Admission Admonishment in accordance with the Act on Infectious Diseases" to hospitalize him/her to the medical institution which possesses beds for tuberculosis.

In order to protect patients' human rights, hospitalized patients and their families are able to offer opinions and complaints to the health center.

The health center will decide "Hospital Admission Admonishment", considered the opinions from the specialists of infectious disease examination council and the patient.

(Note) A patient who is necessary to be hospitalized with other disease and having no possibility to infect others will not receive "Hospital Admission Admonishment".

★ **Medical expense paid by government**

In case you are hospitalized in a medical institution, according to “Hospital Admission Admonishment”, a part of medical expense will be borne by government. (Depending on the income, whole the medical expense will be paid by government.) Based on the application, the health center will issue “patient’s ticket”. Presenting it at the medical institutions, your medical expense will be borne by government.

★ **Medical examination to the persons who has been exposed to tuberculosis bacillus**

The health center will recommend health examination to the families that carry the possibility to be infected and who exposed in their daily life, in case of necessity.

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