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House of Representatives

May 9th, 1949.

AMENDMENT TO THE BILL FOR AMENDMENT  
TO SOCIAL INSURANCE MEDICAL FEE PAYMENT FUND LAW

Presented by: Standing Committee  
for Welfare.

The Bill for Amendment to Social Insurance Medical  
Fee Payment Fund Law shall partially be amended as follows:

In the Supplementary Provisions, "May 1" shall be read  
as "June 1."

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Bill

to be submitted for GS' approval  
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3. Competent Ministry: Welfare Ministry
4. Date of Cabinet Approval: 1/Apr.
5. SCAP Section concerned:  
P.H.W. Dr. Lohlich.
6. Remarks: (Reference:)  
Social Insurance Medical Fee Payment Fund Law.  
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(Law No. 129 of 1948) ..... GS-EX-0  
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Mar. 28, 1949.

Law No. \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Amendment to Social Insurance  
Medical Fee Payment Fund Law.

A part of the Social Insurance Medical Fee Payment Fund Law (Law No. 129 of 1948) shall be amended as follows:<sup>5</sup>

Change throughout the Law "Competent Minister" to "Minister of Welfare".

The following paragraph shall be added in Article 7.

"No registration tax shall be imposed on the registration of the acquisition of a right or the preservation of ownership of a building or land used exclusively as an office of the Fund.

Article 13, paragraph 1, item 1, shall be amended to read as follows:

"1. To have on deposit from the insurers in every month amounts roughly equal to one-and-a-half times the highest sum required during any one of the past three months".

Article 13, paragraph 1, item 3, shall be amended to read as follows:

"3. To review and audit bills for medical care submitted by purveyors of medical care".

Article 14, shall be amended to read as follows:

"Article 14. A Reviewing and Auditing Committee shall be established in each branch office to review and audit bills for medical care as prescribed in the preceding Article, paragraph 1, item 3.

The chief director shall appoint as members of the Reviewing and Auditing Committee representatives of the purveyors of

medical care, the insurers, and men of learning and experience in equal numbers but not exceeding seven members from any <sup>one</sup> group.

The appointment of the persons who represent the purveyors of medical care shall be made upon the recommendation of the organizations concerned, and the appointment of the persons representing men of learning and experience shall be made upon the recommendation of the prefectural governor."

The following five articles shall be added immediately after Article 14:

"Article 14-2. The secretaries of the branch offices of the Fund may attend the meetings of the Reviewing and Auditing Committee and express their opinions, and they may request, if necessary, explanations from the Committee on details of the review and audit.

Article 14-3. When the Reviewing and Auditing Committee considers it necessary for the reviewing and auditing of a bill for medical care, <sup>it</sup> they may, with the approval of the prefectural governor, call a purveyor of medical care and request from him an explanation or a report, or order him to submit medical care records and other documents or papers.

A purveyor of medical care who is called by the Reviewing and Auditing Committee to appear for an explanation shall receive compensation for his travel expense, allowance per diem and hotel fee, as provided <sup>in the by-laws of the Fund.</sup> ~~by Ministerial Ordinance.~~ However, this shall not apply to a purveyor for medical care who is called by the Committee on account of a defect or improper statement in a bill for medical care, report, ~~account~~ medical care record or other document or paper.

Article 14-4. In case a purveyor of medical care refuses, without good reason, to appear for an explanation, or to report, or to submit medical care records or other documents or papers, as provided in the preceding article, the Fund may, with the approval of the prefectural governor, stop the payment temporarily of medical care fees due to such person.

Article 14-5. A member of a Reviewing and Auditing Committee or a secretary of the Fund or person formerly holding such position shall not divulge ~~an~~ occupational or private secrets of doctors and dentists learned in the process of the reviewing and auditing of medical care bills.

Article 14-6. Other necessary matters for the Reviewing and Auditing Committee not stipulated in the preceding five articles shall be provided by Ministerial Ordinance.

The following three articles shall be added immediately after Article 15:

Article 15-2. The Fund shall prepare each fiscal year a budget of income and expenditure for the administrative expenses required for each year, and shall obtain for it the approval of the Minister of Welfare. The same rule shall apply to any revision in, or addition to, the original budget.

The amounts determined under any one item of the budget shall not be transferable to any other item.

The amounts determined under any sub-item may be shifted to another if the Board of Directors, so resolves.

Article 15-3. The Fund shall set aside as a contingent fund amounts necessary to cover an unforeseen deficit in the budget.

The contingent fund shall not be used for any expenditures except as authorized in the by-laws of the Fund.

Article 15-4. The accounts of the Fund shall be closed on April 30th of the each year in respect to the receipt of revenue belonging to the past business year or outgo of expenditures certified as belonging to that ~~fiscal~~ <sup>business</sup> year.

In Article 23, paragraph 1, "10,000 yen" shall read "20,000 yen".

The following article shall be added immediately after Article 23:

Article 23-2. A member of a Reviewing and Auditing Committee or a secretary of the Fund or person formerly holding such position who divulges, without good reason, occupational or private secrets of doctors and dentists in violation of Article 14-5 shall be subject to a sentence of not more than 6 months of penal servitude or a fine of not more than 50,000 yen.

Supplementary Provision

This Law shall <sup>take</sup> become effect on May 1st 1949.

Reason

Judging from the result since the enforcement of the Fund Law, it to be necessary for the Fund to increase the sum of medical care fee advanced and to strengthen the organization and authority of the Medical Care Fee Written Application Examination Committee.

This is the reason why this draft of Law is presented.