Vacillation of the In-Home Care Support Center: Influence of the introduction of Public Care Insurance

ABSTRACT

The In-Home Care Support Center was established as the institution to be engaged in care management based on social work, by the Gold plan in 1989. Its position, however, has begun to change, since the introduction of the Public Care Insurance came under review. The addition of work to make out the care plan caused expansion of its kind of business. This fact made it difficult for the In-Home Care Support Center to cope with all the different kinds of business. Consequently, expansion of its business had harmful effects on the efficiency of care management based on social work that the In-Home Care Support Center had been obtaining from the beginning. In this study, I will examine the present state of the In-Home Care Support Center, in view of the influence of the introduction of Public Care Insurance, with the evidence from questionnaire research conducted by the In-Home Care Support Centers in Hyogo-ken. Then I will clarify its problems and prospects.

Key words: the In-Home Care Support Center, the Public Care Insurance, Care management.