

# **Digital Health Task Force**

- Representatives Meeting 2023 -

December 7, 2023 Shinichi Eda, Ph.D

**EBC, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & DIAGNOSTICS COMMITTEE** 



#### **Executive Summary**

1) EBC Digital Health Task Force (DHTF) continued its efforts in 2023 to

- share and align DH related information/actions in Subcommittees

- introduce overseas DH regulations/reimbursement & raise discussions with local authorities and industry groups for establishing proper regulation/ reimbursement systems in Japan

- 2) As concrete actions, the TF made following activities;
- held TF Team meeting 10 times & exchanged the information and thoughts
- supported webinar on German healthcare system held by EBC (August 24)
- joined discussions for and contributed to DASH for SaMD 2
- made proposals to governmental bodies e.g., MHLW, METI, & PMDA



#### **Executive Summary**

4) In 2024, the TF will continue to work on

- internal information sharing and alignment of opinions & actions
- holding lectures internally as well as to external stakeholders
- being involved in policy discussions with authorities
- <Planned Actions>
- make proposals in official meetings with e.g., MHLW, PMDA & METI
- hold lecture(s) on cyber security & other relevant topics

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## Agenda

1) Scope and Team Members

- 2) Activities in 2023
- Taskforce Meetings
- Introduction of overseas regulations : Support to EBC Committee Webinar
- Involvement in the discussion for DASH for SaMD 2
- Involvement in the activities for making proposals to government authorities
- 3) Action plans for 2024



### **Scope & Team Members**

- 1) Scope of EBC Digital Health Task
- Collect, analyze, and introduce overseas DH regulations and reimbursement systems to Japanese authorities and industry groups
- Share and align DH related information/actions between Subcommittees
- Collaborate with local industry groups such as JFMDA and AMDD
- 2) Team members
  - Leader: Shinichi Eda (Vice Chair of the Committee)
  - Member: Miyo Nishimuta, Rie Fukaya, Yutaka Ikeuchi (Pharmaceutical Affairs Subcommittee) Ryoichi Tanaka, Tomohiko Matsukawa (Reimbursement Subcommittee\*)
    - Miwa Nishida, Kohei Yaegashi (IVD Subcommittee)
    - Shoji Toyofuku (EBC Medical Equipment & Diagnostics Committee) (as of Dec. 2023)

\*; Shegeyasu Mori, of Reimbursement Subcommittee contributed till Oct. 2023



## Activities in 2023 : TF Mtg & Webinar

#### 1) Taskforce Meeting

- Held 10 times on monthly basis, where Information of sub-committees and JFMDA Working Groups shared and discussed Policy proposals for authorities discussed
- 2) Introduction of overseas regulations
- Support to Webinar organized by EBC Med Equipment & IVD Committee on Aug. 24 Healthcare system in Germany, e.g., Update on DiGA (Dr. Keiko Yoshida)

#### 償還制度: 外来医療 DiGA

☆ただし利用が2000回を超えた場合。1万回を超えると−25%に

☆仮収載の上限額はより低く設定

8/24 EBC医療機器・IVD委員会主催講演会資料より

#### 償還制度:外来医療 DiGA

[今後: 医療デジタル化加速法(草案)]

- ■価格·支出抑制
- ☆交渉価格に利用の成功度を反映(BfArMが測定法を発表予定)
- ◇患者の試用期間を設ける→利用を止めればメーカーには無償還

#### DiGAの拡大

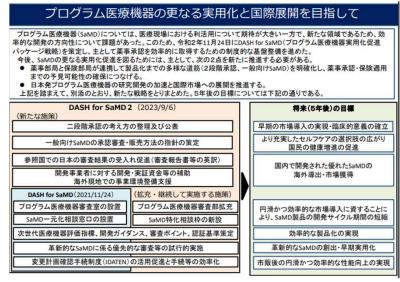
☆深刻な疾病の自己管理に関わるような高いリスククラス(IIb)の医療アプリにも拡大か。ただし有用性証明が初めから求められるようになる模様
IIbの例:インスリンの投与量の計算、脈拍測定だけでなく不整脈を警告



### Activities in 2023 : DASH for SaMD 2

3) Involvement in the discussion for DASH for SaMD 2 Joined the 'Discussion on SaMD regulation & reimbursement' organized by PMDA, MHLW and METI (7 rounds from Dec. 2022 ~ Apr. 2023) Outcome of the session: DASH for SaMD 2 (issued on Sep. 6, 2023)



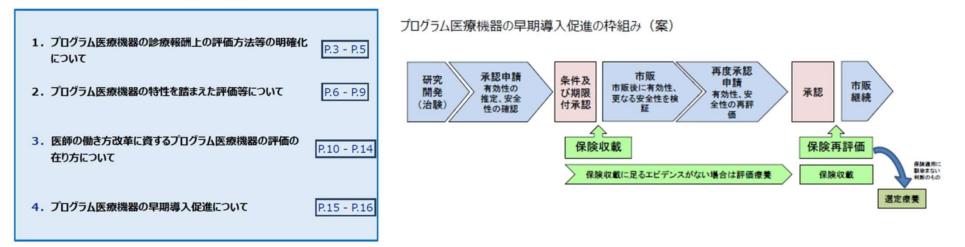


EBC's advocacy was incorporated, e.g., "the concept of two-step approval & reimbursement" and "English translation of review reports, etc".



### Activities in 2023 : Proposals 1/5

- 4) Proposals to Authorities
- 43<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting between MHLW and medical device industry (2023/1/24) 本日の提案内容



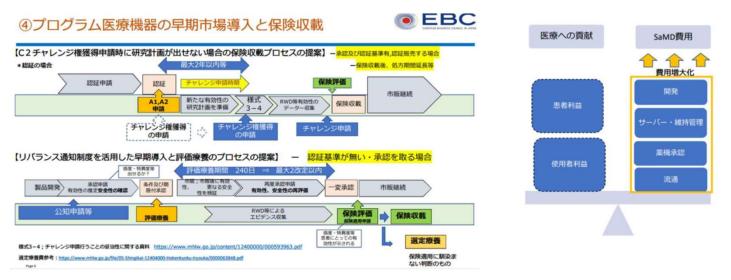
- Lecture on DiGA in a meeting with authorities (2023/3/7)



#### Activities in 2023 : Proposals 2/5

- 4) Proposals to Authorities
- 3<sup>rd</sup> SaMD WG in Chuikyo (5/16)

Proposals were made on how SaMD should be reimbursed



- 44<sup>th</sup> Regular meetings between MHLW and medical device industry (2023/7/12)

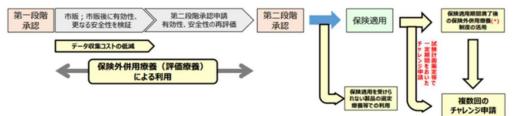


#### Activities in 2023 : Proposals 3/5

4) Proposals to Authorities

- 121<sup>st</sup> Industry Opinion Statement Session (2023/8/30)

#### ● 柔軟性のある保険収載について



	プログラム医療機器の扱い
第一段階承認取得時	・保険外併用療養(評価療養)による利用 (既収載技術の存在する製品は、A1A2等での保険収載を妨げない)
第二段階承認取得時	・臨床上の有用性を裏付けるデータ収集コストの低減にかかる制度的後押し
保険適用後の再評価	・保険適用期間満了後の、保険外併用療養による継続利用 ・保険適用希望時から一定期間をおいたチャレンジ申請受付 ・複数回のチャレンジ申請受付
保険適用を受けられない製品	・開発企業の申請による選定療養等での利用

Media Coverage\*

<SaMD effective in reforming physician work style, manufacturers call for "additional evaluation," but Chuikyo members object, saying they do not understand

- Chuikyo, Materials Subcommittee>

<On 2 step approval/reimbursement, flexible insurance coverage rules should be considered, including the use of the uninsured combined medical care cost system when obtaining Stage 1 approval, and institutional support for reducing data collection costs for Stage 2 approval.

\* : https://gemmed.ghc-j.com/?p=56043



### Activities in 2023 : Proposals 4/5

#### 4) Proposals to Authorities

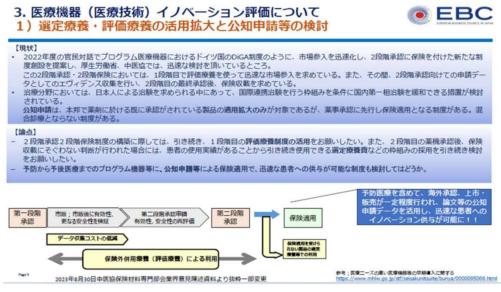
- Regular opinion exchange meeting on regulations (web meeting; 9/14/2023)

- They will consult with the industry groups on the use of 2-step approval and RWD evidence.
- There are actual cases of the use of RWDs, thus, handled on an individual case basis.
- · Personal information needs to be well-considered as well

- Government-Industry Dialogue (11/13) Request from EBC: 2-step approval & reimbursement, utilization of evaluation treatment and selected treatment, utilization of Uninsured Combination Therapy

#### <Comment of MHLW Minister>

Limitations of universal health insurance and consideration of the possibility of Uninsured Combination Therapy were mentioned.





#### Activities in 2023 : Proposals 5/5

- 4) Proposals to Authorities
- 125th Industry Opinion Statement Session (2023/11/29)
  - · 2 step approval & reimbursement

Agreed to continue the discussions on the use of the uninsured combination therapy system after obtaining Step I approval.

1. 11/17中医協材料部会の「論点」に対する業界の意見

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    ○薬事承認における二段階承認の考え方に基づく第1段階承認を取得したプログラム医療機器について
    ・薬事承認における二段階承認の考え方に基づく第1段階承認を取得したプログラム医療機器について、第1段階承認取得時点で想定される有効性に関するエビデンスでは、これまでに特定保険医療材料や技術料に対する加算として評価されている医療機器等と同等に評価することは困難と考えられる。一方で、有体物である医療機器よりも一般的に侵襲性が低いプログラム医療機器の特性を踏まえ、イノベーションの促進の観点から、第1段階承認を取得したプログラム医療機器を保険診療の中で活用可能となるよう、保険外併用療養費制度の見直しについて中医協総会に検討を求めることとしてはどうか。
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○ 賛同致します。

• SaMDs effective in reforming physician work: did not gain sufficient understanding of the evaluation of their contribution to work hour reduction as insurance points



#### **Action Plans for 2024**

- 1) Involvement in policy discussion with authorities
- Contribution to Regular opinion exchange meetings on regulations, Regular meeting between MHLW & industry on reimbursement, etc.
   Implementation of DASH for SaMD 2 will be key topics
- Collaboration with industry associations such as the JFMDA and AMDD
- 2) Information sharing within EBC & seminars to external stakeholders
- Cyber Security: global harmonization & local actions
- AI Utilization Programs and SaMD trends

3) Organizational Change of Taskforce

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# Thank you for your kind support to the activities of EBC in 2023