

Urgent Care Centre for people with developmental disabilities opens in Korea

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Cho KyooHong, Minister of Health and Welfare, recently visited the inaugural urgent care centre for people with developmental disabilities, the first such centre opened in Korea, to see how the care service is taking place and meet the families of people with developmental disabilities, as well as Vice Governor for Administrative Affairs of Chungcheongnam-do, the President of the Korea Disabled People's Development Institute (KoDDI), and the head and employees of the care service programme providers.

The urgent care service programme for people with developmental disabilities was launched this year. It is available to people with developmental disabilities for up to seven days in case of emergencies of their guardian, including medical conditions that require their guardian to be hospitalized, major family events, and physical and psychological exhaustion.

Under the programme, people with developmental disabilities who need urgent care will be provided with 24-hour urgent care services with daytime activities and nighttime care based on the needs of the individual in an environment similar to home.

In 2023, the programme's first year, 34 centres (17 centres for male and female users, respectively) will be opened in phases in different regions nationwide.

By successfully securing a space for the centre and recruiting and training urgent caregivers, Chungcheongnam-do has opened the first emergency care centre in the country to provide emergency care services for people with developmental disabilities.