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Upto the last month I explained the information on Baby sitting. As of September 1, 2024, Higashi-Chichibumura counts 2,423 persons, over 65 years old persons 1,173, and our aging rate is 48.41%, meaning about half the population corresponds to aged persons. We, therefore, in the next 6 months will send you the information on the familiar long-term care insurance and elderly care!

First, long-term care insurance system

**What is the long-term care insurance system . . .**

This system is introduced in 2000 with the purpose to support the long-care by all the society in the background of aging society and increasing of nuclear family. In the expenditure related to long-term care insurance, the half is provided for by public expenses of country, prefecture and village(tax), and the other half is provided for by the insurance premium paid by insured persons.

**Long-term care insurance premium . . .**

The persons between 40 years old and 64 years old shall pay the insurance premium basically together with the medical insurance premium which they join presently. The person over 65 years old shall pay the premium to the village directly and individually. The amount of premium of the persons from 65 years old shall be decided taking into consideration necessary care insurance service fees, etc. in accordance with long-term insurance business planning to be designed each three years. The village's basic premium amount is 6,916 yens per month in the years 2024 to 2026. This amount surpasses greatly the average amount 5,922 yen of the prefecture, but our village's premium is about the same because it increases nationwide in accordance with aging phenomenon.

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Concerning long-term care insurance system, please refer to “long-term care insurance which we nurture together”, which we handed to you with the public relation magazine April issue.

**To avoid increment of long-term care insurance premium . . .**

For the aged persons, to live always positively in your proper region, it is

important to live without using long-term care service. And for this purpose your effort toward long-term care is important.