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AMDD's Opinions for the Basic Policy for the Economic and Fiscal Management and Reform 2026

Tokyo, Japan: The American Medical Devices and Diagnostics Manufacturers' Association (AMDD; Minato-ku, Tokyo; Chairperson: Satoshi Morikawa) submits the following opinions for the Basic Policy on Economic and Fiscal Management and Reform 2026, recognizing the importance of public-private collaboration in advancing innovation and sustaining high-quality healthcare.

<Summary>*

[Recommendation 1]

Consider flexible reimbursement pricing for medical devices and IVDs in response to inflation and other external factors

- Address continued cost increases, including rising prices and wages.
- Ensure appropriate measures to address GYAKUZAYA where purchase prices of materials at healthcare institutions exceed reimbursement prices.
- Implement appropriate and flexible adjustments to material reimbursement prices.

[Recommendation 2]

Promote international harmonization of regulatory requirements to address device lag and device loss in Japan

- Ensure international harmonization of regulatory requirements (including review requirements and approaches to ensuring the reliability of real-world data.)
- Strengthen the environment to promote the development of medical devices and IVDs in Japan.
- Harmonize processes for clinical trials and clinical studies.

[Recommendation 3]

Promote the adoption of digital health technologies to improve operational efficiency and reduce the burden on healthcare professionals

- Enhance operational efficiency in healthcare institutions and reduce the burden on healthcare professionals through digital health technologies.
- Introduce, sustain, and expand new evaluation frameworks or support programs for healthcare institutions.
- Advance pilot programs for digital health technologies that enhance productivity improvements.



[Recommendation 4]

Establish a framework to ensure public access to appropriate information on diagnosis and treatment using medical devices and IVDs

- Establish clear rules for information dissemination by Marketing Authorization Holders (MAHs.)
- Promote the provision of accurate and accessible information on medical devices and IVDs to enable the public to proactively make informed choices on diagnosis and treatment.
- Advance awareness initiatives to improve public health literacy.

[Recommendation 5]

Promote secondary use of healthcare data through public–private collaboration and strengthen linkage among databases, including medical device and IVD identification information

- Promote and accelerate product development leveraging healthcare data.
- Advance linkage among databases, including medical device and IVD identification information.
- Strengthen public–private collaboration through the sharing of challenges and case studies with relevant government agencies.

AMDD will continue to work closely with a wide range of stakeholders—including the governments of Japan and the United States, industry associations, academic societies, and healthcare professionals—to contribute to improving people’s health and the advancement of healthcare in Japan.

**Download the full text of the recommendations here.*

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AMDD is an industry association comprised primarily of companies that manufacture and distribute medical devices and in vitro diagnostics (IVDs), with headquarters in the United States or significant operations in the U.S. In collaboration with the governments of Japan and the United States, industry associations, academic societies, healthcare professionals, and a broad range of stakeholders, AMDD aims to contribute to the advancement of healthcare in Japan by facilitating access to the latest medical technologies—including diagnostic and therapeutic technologies—and by promoting the provision of relevant information.

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