

# Access to care for the disabled in China

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Vision and discussion for the new classification of the disabled population.

The disability is a life status of human beings. Every person may have certain disabilities, short or long, early or later, in his/her life span, which is the person with disabilities. Therefore, rehabilitation medicine is for every person rather than for a small portion of population.

The category for the person with disabilities: victims of diseases, injuries, congenital deformities, and health conditions, for example aging, pregnancy and developmental retardation. Some disabilities might be attributed to medical treatment, for example, amputation for the limb cancer.

Rehabilitation medicine may contribute to the functioning and prevention for those disabilities, by pathway of improvement, compensation and substitution.

Chinese access for this comprehensive rehabilitation may be analyzed in following ways:

1. Government scheme
  - a) Government insurance: the Urbane resident medical insurance and the Rural cooperative medical insurance.
  - b) Funding for the disabled persons from the Disabled Persons Federation
  - c) Self-insurance Scheme by enterprise and institutions.
2. Commercial scheme
  - a) Life insurance
  - b) Health insurance
  - c) Disease oriented insurance
3. Charity scheme
  - a) NGO funding for special population, including children, older persons and the disabled.
  - b) Funding from government for specific charity projects.
4. Private access
  - a) Personal pay from pocket for high rank medical services
  - b) Compensation for the medical cost beyond of government and/or commercial insurance scheme.

Chinese medical reform on medical rehabilitation services will be introduced with analysis of the pros and cons