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The Current Status and Development Strategies for Home Health Care in Korea

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South Korea is experiencing unprecedented rapid aging, necessitating innovative healthcare solutions to support its population. This presentation provides an overview of the current status and future trajectory of home healthcare in the nation. A central government initiative is the Long-Term Care Home Medical Center pilot program, which underwent significant expansion in 2025, growing from 93 centers in 71 regions to 135 centers across 91 regions. These centers utilize multidisciplinary teams comprising physicians, nurses, and social workers to deliver integrated medical and care services directly to the homes of long-term care recipients who face difficulty visiting clinics. Key services include comprehensive assessments, personalized care plan development, regular physician (monthly) and nursing (bi-monthly) visits, patient/caregiver education, and linkage to necessary community resources, fundamentally supporting the national goal of 'aging in place'. This initiative is complemented by the new Dementia Management Physician pilot program, aimed at providing specialized, continuous care for dementia patients. Furthermore, the National Long-Term Care Insurance (LTCI) system is adapting, with 2025 reforms enhancing in-home service benefits by increasing monthly care limits for patients with severe needs (1st & 2nd grades) and improving access to visiting nursing services. These evolving policies and programs are vital for improving community-based management of chronic conditions, including kidney disease, within the home setting. However, challenges related to effective service integration between different programs and ensuring an adequate healthcare workforce remain critical areas for ongoing development. This presentation will explore these pivotal policy shifts, their implementation progress, and the broader implications for the future of home-based patient care in Korea.

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