

The JFTC Issued a Cease and Desist Order against Yoshikawa Matsubushi Medical Association

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) today issued a cease and desist order against Yoshikawa Matsubushi Medical Association. The JFTC found that the Association substantially restrained competition in the field of voluntary flu shot service ^(Note) provided in the area of Yoshikawa City and Matsubushi Town, Saitama Prefecture, by means of fixing the fees for voluntary flu shots service that would have been to be determined by each Association member and disseminating the fixed fees to the members.

Before issuing the cease and desist order, the JFTC had notified the Association of the content of the planned order and provided them with opportunity to present its opinion and submit evidence. The JFTC issued the order taking the opinion and the evidence submitted into consideration. The recipient dissatisfied with the order may request, within sixty days of the date on which the transcript of the order was served, the JFTC to initiate hearing procedures regarding the order.

(Note) "Voluntary flu shot service" means flu shot service except for routine preventive vaccinations and occasional preventive vaccinations pursuant to the Preventive Vaccinations Act, Act No.68 of 1948.