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China to promote tech-enabled elderly care to enhance seniors' well-being
China is promoting technology to enhance elderly care, utilizing tools like brain-computer interfaces and exoskeleton robots to assist seniors with physical decline. New guidelines aim to reform services and grow the "silver economy," projected to exceed 30 trillion yuan by 2035. The initiative addresses the needs of a rapidly aging population, which is expected to surpass 400 million by 2035**. (Xinhua)**

China completes new round of bulk medical supply purchases
China has completed its sixth national bulk procurement of high-value medical consumables, selecting 440 products across 12 device types. This round, involving 202 manufacturers, includes essential suppliers to ensure stable availability. The program now covers 142 types of devices across nine major clinical fields, significantly lowering costs. **(Xinhua)**

Research breakthrough explains how viral infection can lead to multiple sclerosis
An international research team has discovered a key mechanism linking the common Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) to multiple sclerosis (MS). The study reveals that EBV infection reprograms B cells, causing them to display fragments of myelin basic protein. This triggers immune T cells to become autoreactive and attack the central nervous system, leading to MS. The findings provide a molecular explanation for the disease. **(Xinhua)**

Xizang expands elderly care faster than its population growth
The Xizang autonomous region is expanding its elderly care system faster than its aging population grows. By the end of 2025, the region had established 80 centralized care centers, offering over 12,000 beds, alongside numerous community-based day-care facilities. Pension coverage has been significantly expanded, with benefits now double the national average. **(China Daily)**

Ningxia offers near-total childbirth cost coverage to reduce burden on families
Ningxia has introduced a healthcare policy providing near-total medical expense coverage for childbirth. The policy fully reimburses hospitalization costs, including painless delivery, for eligible medical insurance participants. Since its implementation, over 7,600 expectant mothers have benefited, often paying less than 200 yuan (2.46 euro) out of pocket. The initiative aims to significantly reduce the financial burden on families. **(China Daily)**