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General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership Programme

# Progress Update

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Dear Doctor,

Thank you for your continual support to GOPC PPP, the implementation of the Programme has generally been smooth. With the roll-out to additional 4 districts in 2017/18, we would like to update you on the recent progress.

You may have already received our notification of the Service Fee increased from HK\$3,034 to HK\$3,155 (~4% \\$) per patient per year at the maximum with retrospective effect from 1 July 2017. Participating patients, however, will continue to pay the HA GOPC fee of \$50 per attendance, as per Gazette.

As you may be aware, the Department of Health (DH) has lowered the eligibility age for the Elderly Health Care Voucher (EHV) Scheme from 70 to 65 with effect from 1 July 2017. DH estimated that about 400,000 additional elderly persons will be able to benefit from the enhanced measure.

Lastly, to facilitate patient's choice of doctors, the List of Participating Service Providers (PSPs) posted on Programme's website has been enhanced.

Hope you enjoy reading it. As always, your feedback towards the Programme is most welcomed.

GOPC PPP Programme Office
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## 2017 Fee Adjustment

The max Service Fee for PSP per patient per year:

\$2,872

\$3,034

\$3,155\*

(Jul 2014)

(Jul 2015)

(from Oct 2016)#

(from Jul 2017)

Now \$272.5/consultation and \$107.5 for drugs / Quarter

\$272.5 x 10 + \$107.5 x 4 = up to \$3,155 / patient / year

\*Calculation of the adjustment was based on the commonly use Composite Consumer Price Index (Medical Services) (CCPI) (Med), published in the Monthly Report on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) by the Census and Statistics Department of the HKSAR, for the period from July 2016 to June 2017.

\*Incl. the adjustment upon CCPI (Med) and the increase in annual drugs fee corresponding to the addition of 8 drugs to Programme Drug List for taking care of patients' associated health problems as recommended in the Interim Review of the Programme.

# Eligibility Age for EHV Scheme lowered to 65

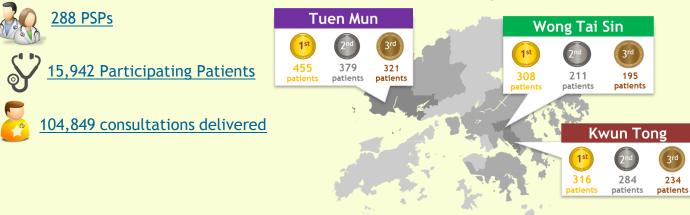
- ♦ With the lowering of eligibility age from 70 to 65, the number of EHV holders eligible for GOPC PPP will become almost doubled from ~23% to ~40%^.
- ♦ For the HA's GOPC PPP, under mutual agreement, individual participating patients may receive further services provided by the PSPs at their own expenses. Those who have pariticipated in the EHV Scheme can meet such additional charges from their EHV accounts.
- Yet, please note that EHV cannot be used for addressing the co-payment payable by a participating patient to private doctor under the GOPC PPP.

### **Progress Updates**

- For the 2017/18 roll-out, we started inviting service providers from the 16 relevant districts in January 2017. The enrolment process is on-going and service providers are welcomed to apply for participating in the Programme at any time
- The first Batch of patient invitations (2017/18 roll-out) was issued in April 2017
- Status as at mid-August 2017:

#### PSPs and their patient enrolments

(as at mid-Aug 2017)



## **Enhanced List of PSPs**

#### New features to facilitate patient choice:

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- A content page is added to give a quick glance and quick link to the PSP choices available in respective districts.
- Clearer indication of the district-based content
- Total no. of PSP displayed for easier reference



# **Inviting Feedback**

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