

**Community Care Fund**  
**Subsidy for dental services for the elderly**

**Aim**

To subsidise needy elders with low income for dentures and other necessary dental services.

**Amount of Assistance**

Each beneficiary can receive a maximum subsidy of \$8,765 (including \$7,315 for dentures, \$950 for denture-related dental care, \$50 for registration and dental check-up, and \$450 for the provision of accompanying service).

**Target Beneficiaries**

The Community Care Fund will provide dental service subsidy to elders who satisfy the following criteria:

- (a) aged 60 or above and are not recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance;
- (b) users of the “Integrated Home Care Services” or “Enhanced Home and Community Care Services” subvented by the Social Welfare Department as at 31 December 2011 and are paying Level 1 or Level 2 fee charge of the above two home-based services when applying for the assistance of this programme;
- (c) lose all or part of their teeth or suffer from dental illness and encounter difficulties in eating or chewing; and are willing to accept the subsidy and dental services provided by the Community Care Fund; and
- (d) in need of and suitable for fixing denture and receiving related dental services as preliminarily assessed by the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the above two home-based services and by the participating dentists, based on the guidelines drawn up by the Hong Kong Dental Association (HKDA).

**No. of Beneficiaries**

About 11 000 persons

**Budget**

\$100 million

**Mode of Implementation**

HKDA will liaise with private dental clinics and those operated by NGOs to implement the programme, consolidate and regularly update the list of dental clinics participating in the programme. HKDA will also draw up guidelines to facilitate frontline staff of NGOs providing the above home-based services to conduct preliminary assessment on the need of the elders for receiving dental treatment. Based on the preliminary assessment, the frontline staff of NGOs will refer the eligible elders to the participating dentists for appropriate treatment, and will provide accompanying service as necessary.

**Target Date of Implementation**

Third quarter of 2012