

**The Fifth Meeting of the Medical Sub-committee on the Community Care Fund  
29 November 2011**

**Summary of Discussion**

The Medical Sub-committee on the Community Care Fund (CCF) held its fifth meeting on 29 November 2011. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted the progress of the First Phase Programme of the CCF Medical Assistance Programmes. As at 20 November 2011, the Hospital Authority (HA) approved a total of 111 applications. The total approved amount of subsidy was about \$10 million with an average of \$89,000 for each application, and among the beneficiaries, there were more lung cancer patients.
2. Members approved the proposals for the Second Phase Programme of the CCF Medical Assistance Programmes. Through adjusting the maximum contribution rate of patient from 30% to 20%, patients who marginally failed to meet the financial assessment criteria for subsidy could be covered in the programme. In addition, some patients could also benefit from both the Samaritan Fund (SF) and CCF at the same time.
3. Members deliberated on the proposals for the programme to provide subsidy for dental services for the elders:
  - It was suggested that eligible elders who had been the users of “Integrated Home Care Services” and the “Enhanced Home and Community Care Services” (home-based care services) subvented by the Social Welfare Department as at 31 December 2011 could join the programme.
  - Regarding whether elders who were receiving home-based care services under the three levels of charges should be covered by the programme, it should be further considered by the Executive Committee (ExCom) and the Steering Committee (SC).
  - Further study should be conducted on the charges for accompanying services for medical consultations and the administration cost of referral by non-governmental organizations for consideration by the ExCom and the SC.