

**The First Meeting of the Third-term
Community Care Fund Task Force
28 September 2018**

Summary of Discussion

The Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force (CCFTF) under the third-term Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its first meeting on 28 September 2018. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted the terms of reference of the CCFTF as well as the administrative/operational, financial, funding monitoring and other arrangements of the CCF. Members also supported the proposal of recovering an overpayment or a payment by mistake and write-off arrangements in relation to the assistance programmes under the CCF. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
2. Members noted the progress of the existing assistance programmes and the latest financial position of the CCF, including the trial referral mechanism under the Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment.
3. Members supported the proposal of extending the Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled programme for another 24 months under the current mode of operation. Under the programme, a subsidy would be provided for eligible persons to purchase care goods/services or for other purposes related to nursing care. Members also supported the revision to the budget for the programme. The total provision for the programme would be revised to \$452.79 million, and was expected to benefit over 2 700 people. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
4. At the meeting, Members put forward their comments and suggestions to enhance the support for different target groups under the CCF, including carers of the elderly persons and the disabled, ethnic minorities, the “N have-nots” and patients suffering from rare diseases, etc.