

The Sixth Meeting of the Fourth-term

Community Care Fund Task Force

28 October 2022

Summary of Discussion

The fourth-term Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its sixth meeting on 28 October 2022. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted the progress of existing assistance programmes and the latest financial position of the CCF, and the evaluation report on the “Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment” submitted by the Social Welfare Department. The Pilot Scheme would be incorporated into government’s regular assistance or services in January 2023. The report would be submitted to the CoP for reference.
2. After discussion, the CCF Task Force supported the following two proposals –
 - (a) proposed indicative budgets (including the budget for the relevant administrative costs) of the three CCF Medical Assistance Programmes, namely “Subsidy for Patients of the Hospital Authority for Specified Self-financed Cancer Drugs Which Have Not Yet Been Brought into the Samaritan Fund Safety Net But Have Been Rapidly Accumulating Medical Scientific Evidence and with Relatively Higher Efficacy (First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes)”, “Subsidy for Eligible Patients to Purchase Ultra-expensive Drugs (Including Those for Treating Uncommon Disorders)” and “Subsidy for Eligible Patients of Hospital Authority to Purchase Specified Implantable Medical Devices for Interventional Procedures” for 2023-24, which were \$1,363.25 million, \$394.62 million and \$74.82 million respectively; and
 - (b) extension for implementation of the “Elderly Dental Assistance Programme” until 30 September 2024 to continue to provide dental service under the programme for eligible elderly while the last date of accepting new cases under the programme would be deferred for a year to end-December 2023. The proposal did not involve an increase in the budget. It was expected to benefit an additional 27 000 person-times of elderly.
3. The above proposals would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.