

The First Meeting of the Sixth-term Community Care Fund Task Force

12 November 2024

Summary of Discussion

The sixth-term Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its first meeting on 12 November 2024. 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.
2. After discussion, the CCF Task Force supported the proposed adjustment of 2024-25 indicative budgets and proposed 2025-26 indicative budgets of the Medical Assistance Programmes. The 2024-25 indicative budgets (including the budget for the relevant administrative costs) of the “Subsidy for Patients of 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) and “Subsidy for Eligible Patients of Hospital Authority to Purchase Specified Implantable Medical Devices for Interventional Procedures” (Medical Devices Programme) were proposed to be revised to \$1,121.1 million and \$111.97 million respectively. The proposed indicative budgets (including the budget for the relevant administrative costs) of the First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes, “Subsidy for Eligible Patients to Purchase Ultra-expensive Drugs (Including Those for Treating Uncommon Disorders)” and Medical Devices Programme for 2025-26 were \$1,253.57 million, \$484.82 million and \$161.95 million respectively.
3. The above proposals would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.