

The Third Meeting of the Fifth-term Community Care Fund Task Force

14 December 2023

Summary of Discussion

The fifth-term Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its third meeting on 14 December 2023. 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 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 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 2024-25, which were \$1,152.10 million, \$525.82 million and \$80.97 million respectively; and
 - (b) proposed Maintenance Mediation Pilot Scheme (Pilot Scheme) to subsidise a non-governmental organisation in providing mediation services on maintenance to separating or divorcing persons (including maintenance payers and payees), so as to assist both parties to resolve related disputes (including default in maintenance payments) through mediation. The total estimated expenditure of the Pilot Scheme was \$36.72 million.
3. The above proposals would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.