Latest Outlook of Primary Healthcare

Time	Topic	Speaker
1:00pm-2:00pm	Primary Healthcare Reform – the latest outlook	Dr F C Pang Commissioner for Primary Healthcare
	Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme (CDCC) Post-pilot Review — Transforming into an Encompassing Platform New Dimensions Vaccination Subsidy Scheme Community Drug Formulary and Community Pharmacy	Dr W L Cheung Director of Strategic Purchasing Office
	 Updates on CDCC Updates on GOPC PPP New Model of Laboratory Services Collaboration 	Dr Christina Maw Asst Director of Strategic Purchasing Office
	Introduction of Hepatitis B Screening	Dr Tony Ha Asst Commissioner for Primary Healthcare
2:00pm-2:30pm	Question and Answers	



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Primary Healthcare Reform – The Latest Outlook

Dr PANG Fei Chau, Commissioner for Primary Healthcare
16 June 2025

Key Milestones of PHC and CDCC Development through Collaboration



Oct 2022

Policy Address 2022

Set out the policy direction to launch the CDCC Pilot Scheme



Dec 2022

Primary Healthcare Blueprint

Set out direction of development and strategies for strengthening Hong Kong's Primary Healthcare (PHC) system



Nov 2023

CDCC Pilot Scheme

The first item to promote primary healthcare since the announcement of Primary Healthcare Blueprint

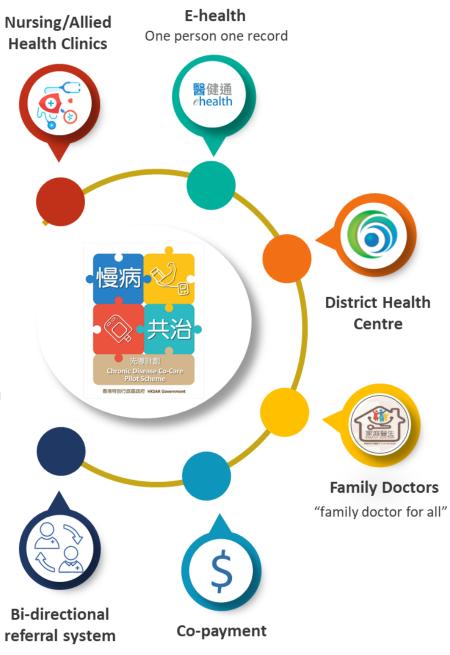


Policy Address 2024

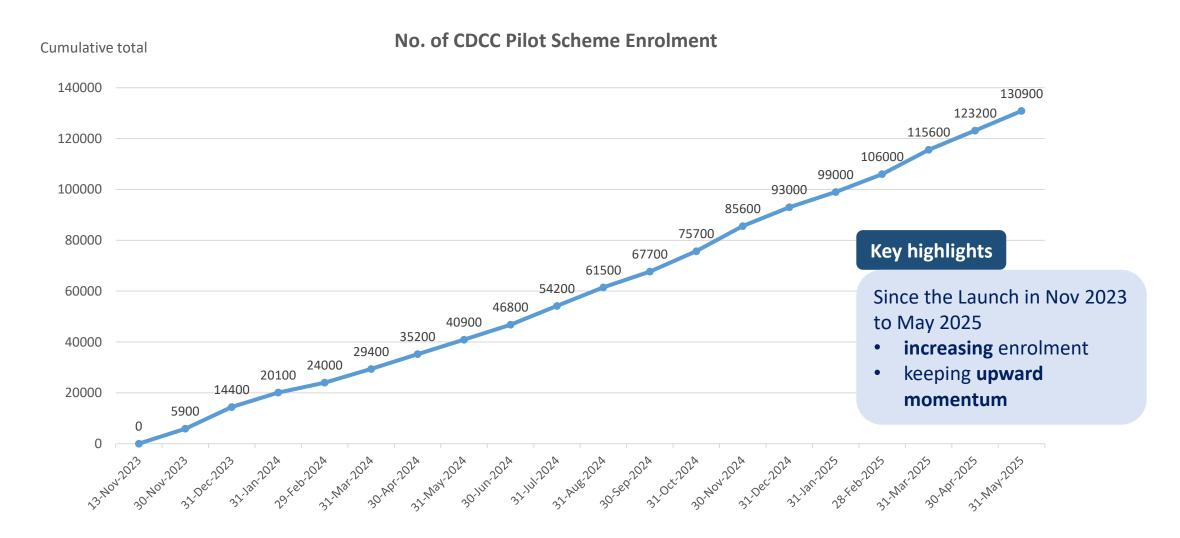
Expand CDCC Pilot Scheme to cover blood lipid testing (launched on 28 Mar 2025) & implement hepatitis B screening (by Q4 2025)

Key elements of CDCC

- Providing subsidies for the public to conduct screening for and manage targeted chronic disease including DM and HT in the private healthcare sector
 - Expand drug list and investigation choices including imaging
 - Integrate government subsidised programs e.g. VSS and CRC
- "Family Doctor for All" and Coordinated by DHC/ DHC Express
 - Subsidised for services involving women's health & elderly health (e.g. pap smear)
 - Paired PT/OTs for first contact arrangement
 - Referral system with HA hospitals
- Brand building for family doctors



Situation Update in CDCC Participant Enrolment



Call for FD Enrolment

Family Doctor (FD) Enrolment Situation -

Figures of FD enrolment	As at 12 June 2025
No. of doctors enrolled as FD (vetted by Programme Office)	651
No. of service locations provided by FDs (excluding service locations of FDs suspended without accepting new case*)	760

^{*}An FD may provide service in more than 1 service location

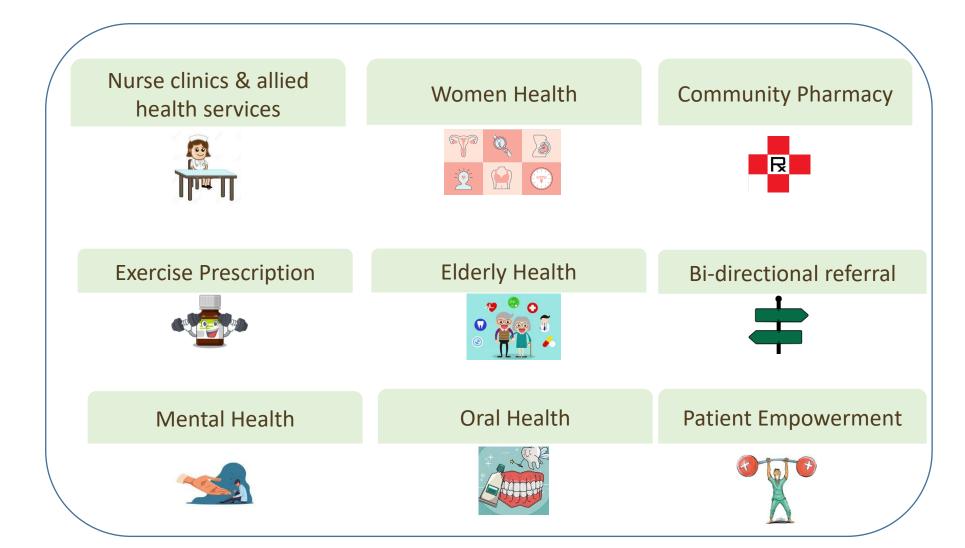
Information on Subsidy Level and Co-Payment

- Enhance information transparency
 - ✓ co-payment fees details on CDCC Pilot Scheme website



Note: FDs may adjust the medical consultation co-payment fee for the treatment phase on an annual basis around mid-year.

Connecting Services in the Community



Multidisciplinary primary healthcare team support

- **CDCC introducing dedicated Nurse** Clinic and strengthening Allied **Health services** under the district health network through strategic purchasing to support DHC/DHC **Express**
- Offering a broader scope of healthcare services thereby further expanding the primary healthcare service network

Nurses









Pharmacists





Call for Action – Join CDCC Now

Benefits as a Family Doctor -

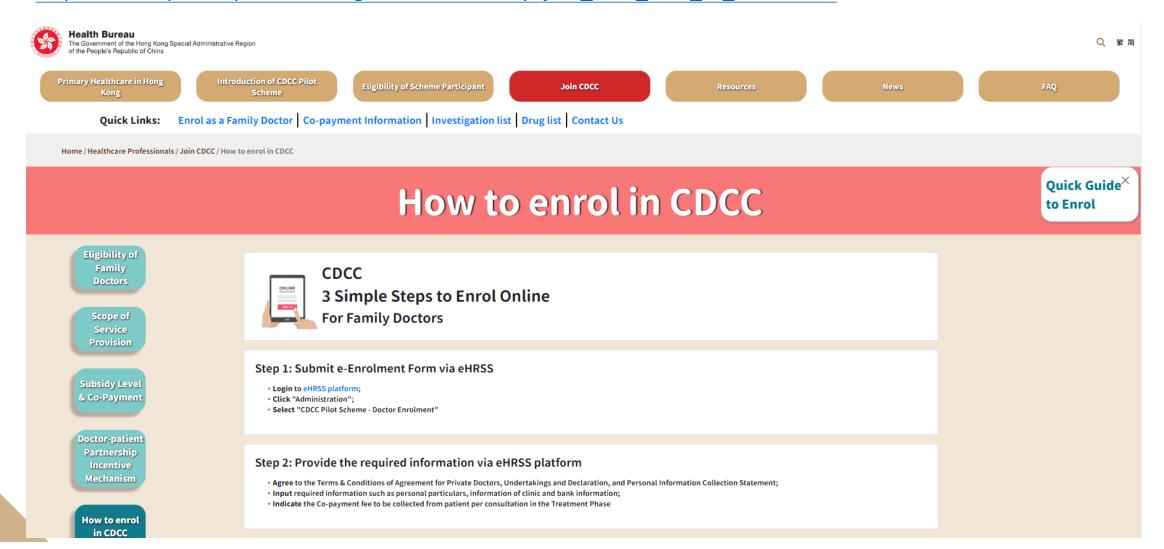
- ✓ Be part of the transformative movement for advancing primary healthcare
- ✓ Pairing with CDCC participants to bring positive health impacts and financial sustainability
- ✓ Extensive support ingrained in CDCC programme design, e.g. DHC/E network, IT systems and financial incentives, to be continuously developed by Government

Simple steps to Enrol as Family Doctor!

Simple steps to enrol as Family Doctor

Website for enrolment-

https://www.primaryhealthcare.gov.hk/cdcc/en/hp/join cdcc how to enrol.html







Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme (CDCC)

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Post-Pilot Review – Transforming into an Encompassing Platform



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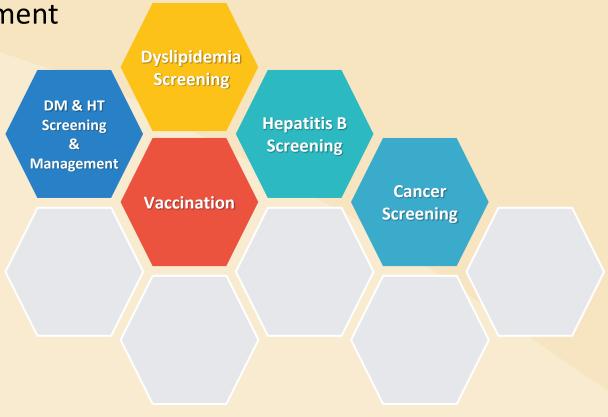
- Transform from a chronic disease management <u>programme-based</u> to a chronic disease management <u>platform</u>
- Launch started with DM&HT, will transform to a platform which covers with different diseases and health situations
 - Inclusion of blood lipid testing and hepatitis screening for more comprehensive risk-based screening
 - Vaccination for preventive care
 - > Integration of GOPC PPP to align delivery models
- Ongoing supporting services enhancements
 - > Community Drug Formulary and drug list expansion
 - New lab collaboration model

CDCC Platform – A Platform for Multiple Initiatives

Scope

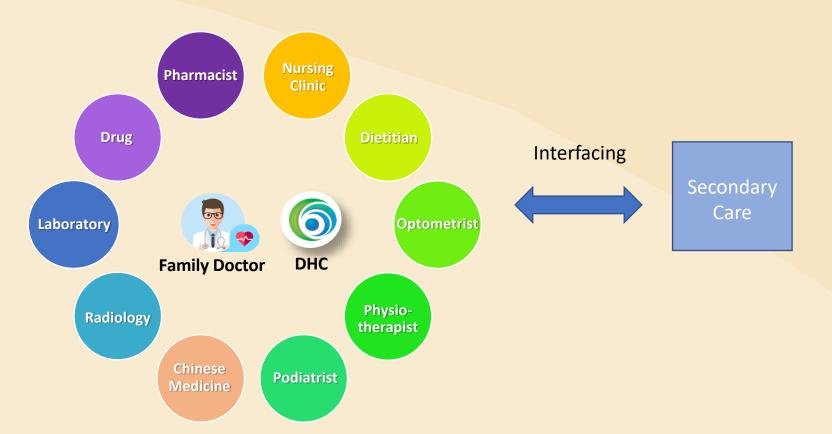
- Screening
- Preventive care
- Management of chronic diseases

Align with participants' life cycle management



CDCC Platform – Family Doctors and Multi-disciplinary Network Support

- Family Doctors provide holistic whole-person care to participants with
 - > Supported by a network of multi-disciplinary support
 - > Disease management according to clinical condition / clinical protocol
- DHC as health coordinator



IT Initiative to Streamline the Workflow in Post-Pilot Phase

- Integration with Service providers' Business Platform
 - > To avoid duplicated data entry
- Enhancement in Central Administrative & Clinic Administrative functions
 - > To facilitate operations

Central Administrative Functions

Allow Back-Office Administrator to carry out central administrative functions

- Enrolment for FDs and participants
- > Follow-up investigation report
- Submit reimbursement
- Drug ordering
- Manage user accounts
- Receive subsides via corporate account

Clinic Administrative Functions

Allow Clinic Administrator to carry out nonclinical and supporting work

- Enrolment for Participants
- Attendance taking, follow up on investigation reports and others
- View notifications for service providers
- Supporting clinical work, streamline payment checkout

New Dimensions



Overview of 2025/26 Vaccination Subsidy Scheme

2025/26 Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS) - Background

- Currently, VSS is a scheme under the Department of Health (DH)
 - Provides subsidised Seasonal Influenza Vaccination and Pneumococcal Vaccination to eligible Hong Kong residents through the participation of private doctors
- Strategic Purchasing Office (SPO) was established in 2022
 - In line with the Government's policy direction: to adopt strategic purchasing to drive towards a more optimal healthcare system that can contribute to the long-term sustainability of the system in Hong Kong
- One of the functions of SPO involves the development of a common platform to facilitate integrated purchasing of healthcare services, including the consolidation of existing Hospital Authority (HA) and DH's public-private-partnership programmes
- Starting 2025/26 VSS
 - Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of DH will continue to be the overall administrator of VSS
 - SPO will coordinate the business and operation
 - Primary Healthcare Commission (PHCC) will take the lead in promoting primary care and family doctors' role

2025/26 VSS – Proposed Enhancements

- For 2025/26 VSS, the following enhancements:
 - New eligible group for 2025/26 seasonal influenza vaccination
 - All persons aged 18-49 years with chronic medical problems
 - System migration from the eHealth System (Subsidies) to the Electronic Health Record Sharing System (eHRSS)
 - VSS Doctors are required to be enrolled in PCD AND eHRSS
 - Doctor enrolment will be changed from paper to online application
 - Explore the supply of certain quantity of seasonal influenza vaccine (SIV) for VSS through the Government contract

2025/26 VSS: SIV -Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (IIV)

The Government is purchasing additional SIV(IIV) for specified VSS doctor groups in 2025/26 season

- 1. To test out the private market's readiness to obtain SIV(IIV) through Government contract and to stabilize the vaccine supply for VSS eligible persons at Government specified price
 - As a transitional arrangement for 2025/26, pave the way for long-term arrangement
 - Pilot with purchasing a certain additional quantity
 - > Test and build readiness of vaccine suppliers, VSS doctors and IT system
- In long run, to explore extending the SIV(IIV) supply coverage to total population to ensure stable vaccine supply

Arrangement for SIV(IIV) Drawn from Government Contracts (1/2)

- 1. Government position on "specified VSS family doctors" to draw SIV(IIV) from Government contracts
 - Set up contracts with suppliers and allow "specified VSS family doctors" to draw SIV(IIV) at specified quantity for eligible persons under VSS at a price set by the Government
 - This provision is an alternative source of vaccine supply for "specified VSS family doctors" while they can also use vaccines procured from private market anytime on eligible persons
 - "specified VSS family doctors" directly settle payment with vaccine suppliers

2. Specified VSS family doctors

 Doctors who have joined both VSS and CDCC Pilot Scheme in the period specified by the Government

Arrangement for SIV(IIV) Drawn from Government Contracts (2/2)

- 3. Co-payment setting for eligible persons in 2025/26:
 - A. Propose combined co-payment setting, divided into two eligible groups only [Note: 2024/25 co-payment setting are under each eligible group, e.g. ≥ 65 years; 50-64 years; pregnant women, persons with intellectual disability]
 - i. Eligible adult group
 - ii. Eligible children group
 - B. "specified VSS family doctors" who draw SIV(IIV) from Government contract are required to set the co-payment of SIV(IIV) at \$0 across all eligible persons
 - Eligible persons thus can benefit directly from Government bulk purchase of lower cost vaccines

Details - Briefing Sessions

Two identical Briefing Sessions will be arranged by CHP in July 2025

	Session 1	Session 2
Date	8 July 2025	16 July 2025
Time	10:30am – 12:45pm	14:30pm – 16:45pm

All PCDs are encouraged to join CDCC

Enrolment website: https://www.primaryhealthcare.gov.hk/cdcc/en/



Community Drug Formulary and Community Pharmacy

Background

Healthcare Blueprints

- Sustained delivery of quality and adequate primary healthcare (PHC) services by incorporating the concept of multi-disciplinary teamwork in PHC in the community
- Develop a community-based primary healthcare system to enhance the management of chronic diseases
- Support the development of community pharmacy through the development of community pharmacy services

The 2024 Policy Address

- Launching a community pharmacy program and developing a community drug formulary help the public obtain affordable, primary-healthcare drugs through central purchasing and the community network
- Aims to reduce economic burden on patients and reduce their reliance on the public healthcare system

Community Drug Formulary (CDF)

Community Drug Formulary

Objectives of setting up a Community Drug Formulary

- Facilitate patients to access affordable primary care drugs through family doctors and community pharmacies, thereby reducing the their financial burden and reliance on the public healthcare system
- The government will collaborate with the Hospital Authority to obtain drugs at lower prices through centralized procurement

Scope of the Community Drug Formulary

- Enhance access to medications commonly used in primary healthcare settings, including medications for preventive care (such as vaccines) and managing episodic and chronic conditions that meets the clinical needs of the primary care services
- Promote best practices and evidence-based use of medications, ensuring optimal patient outcomes according to the clinical reference framework of government subsidized primary care programmes
- Application of the Community Drug Formulary to
 - Family doctors participating in government subsidized primary care programmes
 - Community pharmacies participating in the Community Pharmacy Programme

Community Drug Formulary

Structure of the Community Drug Formulary

- Tier 1 primarily generic drugs
- Tier 2 primarily patent drugs and certain specified drugs
- Tier 3 offer more comprehensive and affordable patient options (under exploration)

Drug Selection

- Leverage on HA Procurement's well-established procurement mechanism
 - Select drugs based on the HA Drug Formulary, which has been reviewed by experts for safety, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness
 - Combine purchasing power with HA and procure drugs through tender or quotation process to achieve better prices
 - HA has robust procurement requirements to ensure quality assurance with risk management

Drug Supply Arrangements

Order from HA drug suppliers through SHSOP

Community Pharmacy Programme

Community Pharmacy Programme

Objectives

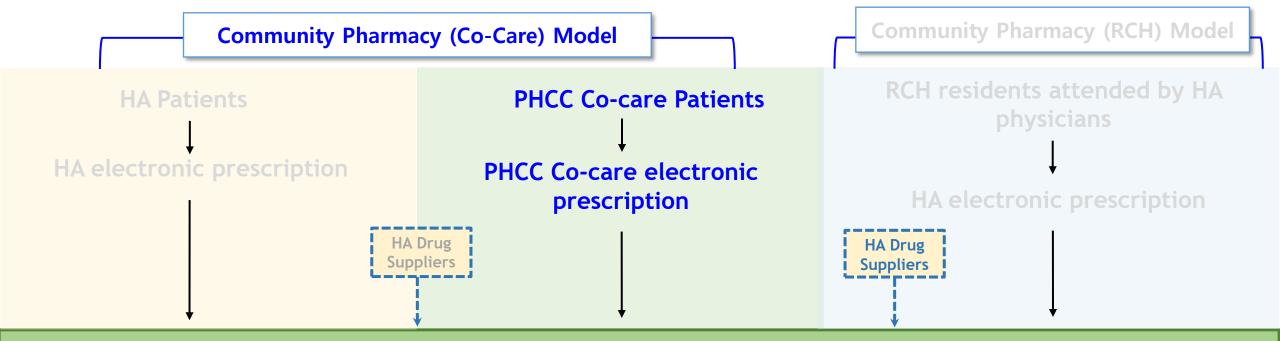
- To develop community pharmacies (CPh) to provide drug dispensing and professional pharmacist services that are convenient and accessible by the public within districts
- To provide drug refill service in community pharmacies for HA prescriptions to enhance patient adherence with personalized counseling
- To offer an alternative choice for patients to obtain drugs listed in the Community Drug Formulary (CDF)
- To provide direct drug dispensing and packaging service by community pharmacy to enhance residential care homes' (RCH) drug management, streamline workflow, ensures accuracy and medication safety

Community Pharmacy Programme

- Co-care model
 - HA patients
 - PHCC Co-care patients
- RCH model
 - HA patients residing in RCHs

Restricted

Community Pharmacy Service Model



Designated Community Pharmacy

1. Prescription dispensing

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2. Additional Value-Added Services (e.g. multi-dose packaging, medication management)

Community Pharmacy Programme (PHCC Co-care Model)

Scope and Model

Dispensing service

- Patients in the government subsidized primary care programmes obtain prescriptions from their family doctors based on the Community Drug Formulary
- Patients have the option to dispense their drugs either from their family doctors or their paired community pharmacy where they can receive personalized pharmacy services

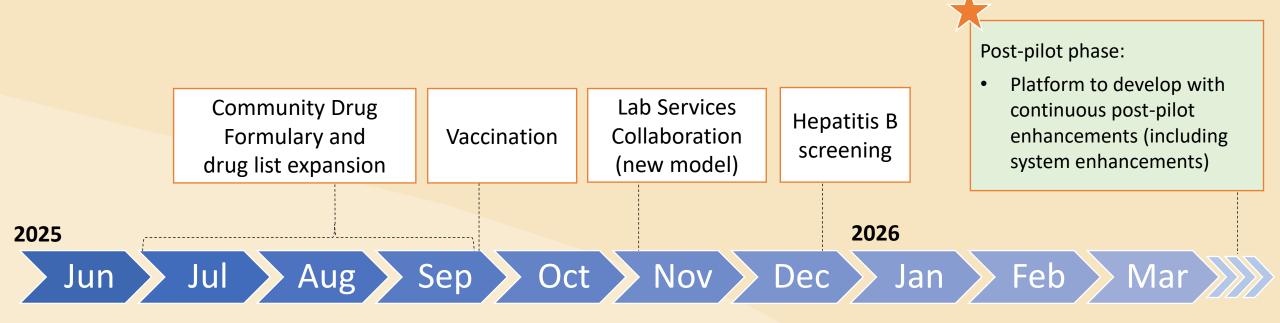
Value added service

- Smoking Cessation Service
- Medication Management Service
- Chronic Disease Management

Community Pharmacy Programme

Timeline	Events	
4Q2025	Establishment of the CDF mechanism	
2Q2026	Launch the Community Drug Formulary	
4Q2026	Implementation of the Co-care Programme, roll out by phases to provide service covering 18 districts	

2025 and Beyond



- 1. Invite suitable HA GOPC patients to CDCC Treatment Phase by batches starting from Q3 2025
- 2. Invite GOPC PPP patients to CDCC Treatment Phase by batches starting from Q4 2025





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- 1. Updates on GOPC PPP
- 2. New Model of Laboratory Services Collaboration
- 3. Introduction of Hepatitis Screening



1. Updates on GOPC PPP

Integration of GOPC PPP into CDCC





130 000 citizens enrolled

~40% screened participants requires chronic disease management

In line with policy direction of consolidating primary healthcare resources, GOPC PPP, with a similar nature, will be integrated into CDCC.



Invitation to join GOPC PPP suspended in 2024



Functions of GOPC PPP to be fully taken over by CDCC by 2028



Invitation of GOPC PPP patients to CDCC commences in 2025

CDCC

Focus on Chronic Disease Management

- Expanding service scopes and dimensions
- More comprehensive/ expanding drug list

Multidisciplinary, Coordinated Care

- DHC co-ordination and support
- Nurse clinic, allied health services

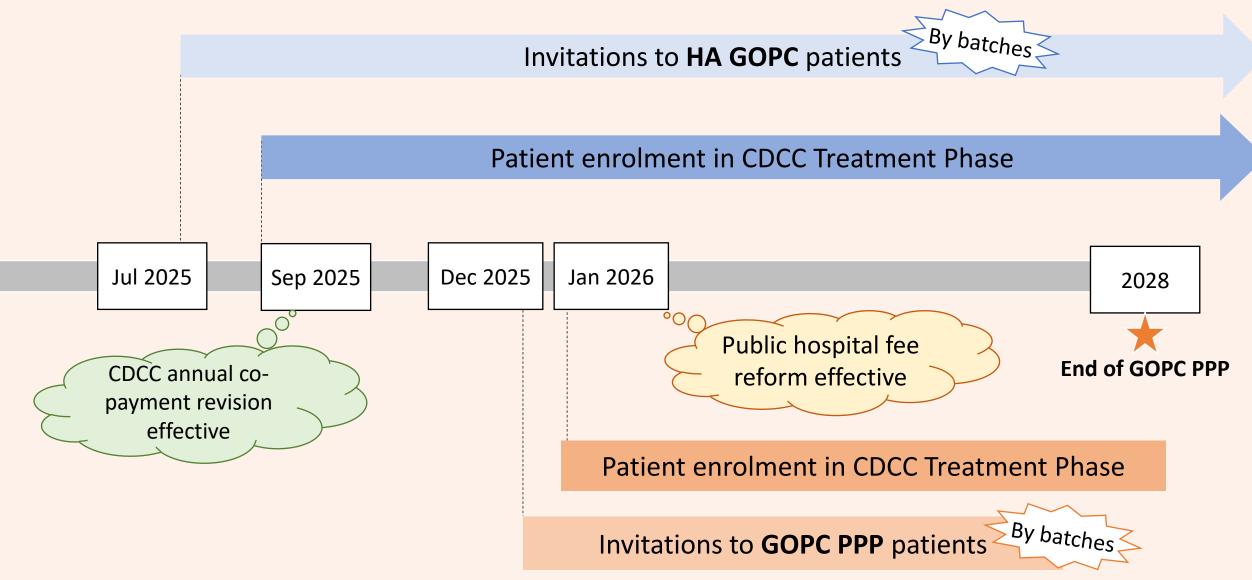
Flexible Co-payment

- Doctors to determine co-payment amount
- Annual adjustment option
- Discretionary one-off adjustment

Incentive Mechanism

- Strengthen doctor-patient partnership
- Patient empowerment and compliance

Tentative Timeline





GOPC PPP Patient Arrangement

Patients of doctors ALREADY joined CDCC



Enrol directly in clinic

Continual care by current doctor

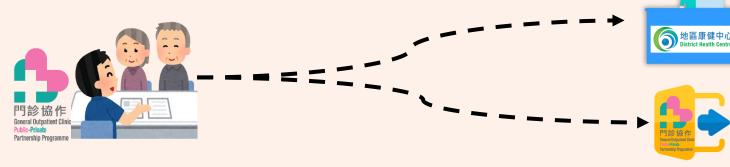


Choose another CDCC doctor



Withdraw from GOPC PPP

Patients of doctors NOT YET joined CDCC



Choose another CDCC doctor



Withdraw from GOPC PPP



GOPC PPP Patient Focus Group



Patients' Views and Possible Concerns of Joining CDCC

Increase in out-of-pocket medical expenses arising from co-payments in consultation, laboratory and other services

- Will consider joining CDCC
- Can choose his/ her own family doctor, continuity of care
- Convenience and flexible (e.g. in scheduling, locations)
- In general, less time is needed in attending consultations
- Co-payment is within affordable range

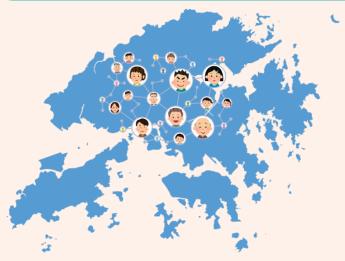
Change of co-ordination function by District Health Centre instead of HA

- Comprehensive range of services available in DHCs/ DHCEs, such as gymnastic facilities, health/ cooking classes are attractive
- Community pharmacy service run by some DHCs are useful

Change of doctors

- Prefer continue to consult the same doctor
- Some expressed disappointment to know that the current GOPC PPP doctors have not yet joined CDCC
- Welcome the bi-directional referral support from HA specialist when indicated

Stronger Support Needed for Larger Patient Pool



~130 000 citizens have already enrolled for screening



Currently ~30 000 patients under treatment



GOPC PPP
Patients





Suitable GOPC Patients





Suitable participants for screening



Be their Family Doctor NOW!



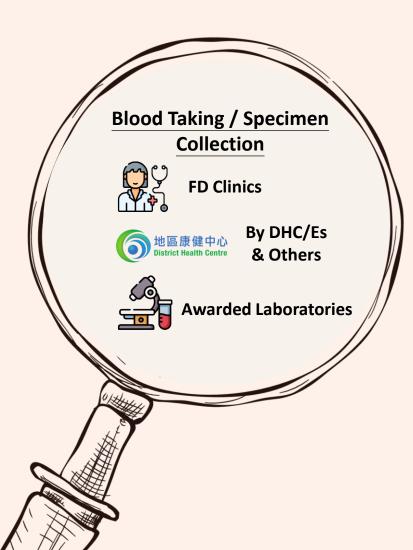
Support and Training

- 1. Streamline the operation workflow/platform for patient migration
 - Patient enrolment and CDCC service commencement in one go
 - Patient's programme participation status automatically identified by system
- 2. Designated briefing and training sessions in August/ September
- 3. Designated helpline 2300 8388 manned by Programme Office
- 4. Extended operation of GOPC PPP IT system to allow claim submissions and other follow ups



2. New Model of Laboratory Services Collaboration

New Features



- 1. Allow blood taking/ specimen collection at FD clinics, DHC/Es & other centres and awarded laboratories
- 2. Availability of service locations in all 5 geographical regions
- 3. More efficient booking arrangements
- 4. Revised accreditation requirement
- 5. Allow sub-contracting/ partnership
- 6. Ready to have structured data arrangement in line with eHRSS development

Latest Updates

- New contract will commence on 6 November 2025
- Support CDCC current and extended scopes; and other primary healthcare initiatives
- Two Laboratory Service providers to provide laboratory services
 - For specimen taken in the Laboratory service sites
 - For specimen collected from Family Doctor (FD) clinics & DHC/Es
- Briefings on detailed workflow, including transition for contract changeover will be arranged in **September 2025**

More Accessible and Convenient





2 Laboratory Service Providers

59 service locations across5 regions



18 DHC/DHCEs

Provide blood / specimen collection services across
 18 districts



FD clinics

 Option to provide blood-taking service

One-stop Blood-taking Service at Clinics

Doctors' choice

- 1. Provide blood taking and specimen collection services at the clinic
- 2. Mutually agreed (with participants) add-on service fee
- **3. Partner with one** of the two awarded laboratories courier arranged by laboratories

Fee collection from participants

- 1. Collect add-on service fees and record them in the IT system
- 2. Collect **laboratory test co-payment***, as shown in the IT system, on behalf of and subsequently settled with the laboratory

Participant will receive notification for all fees collected



System Enhancements

- Facilitate blood taking/ specimen collection and fees (add-on and co-payment)
 collection at clinics
- Provide summary statement of co-payments collection for settlement with partner laboratory
- Wider range of laboratory test items and packages for selection
- Additional structured data will also be automatically uploaded by laboratories
- Single referral for different programmes
- Test results acknowledgement workflow will be streamlined

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Introduction of Hepatitis B Screening

Dr Tony HA, Assistant Commissioner for Primary Healthcare
16 June 2025

Background

- CDCC Pilot Scheme was officially launched on 13 Nov 2023
- Policy Address 2024 announced the Government will promote the development of primary healthcare on all fronts, including



- ✓ expanding the Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme to cover blood lipid testing (Launched on 28 Mar 2025)
- ✓implementing hepatitis B screening (by Q4 2025)

Purpose: To update Family Doctors on **CDCC's latest development regarding hepatitis B screening** in primary care setting

Key Milestones of PHC and CDCC Development through CollaborationOct 2024

Oct 2022



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Key Milestones of the CDCC Pilot Scheme Development



Sep 2023

Press briefing for CDCC Pilot Scheme



Mar 2024

Participants can enrol and pair with FDs at clinics of FDs



Mar 2025

Expand to cover blood lipid testing



Aug 2023

FD enrolment starts



Nov 2023

Participants can enrol and pair with FD at the DHC/ DHCE



Aug 2024

Expanded basic-tier drug list from 43 to 59 drug items



4Q 2025

Launch risk-based screening programmes for Hep B

Ongoing enhancement

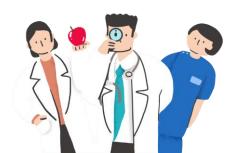
Expand service scope of CDCC Pilot Scheme

Policy Address 2024: roll out of **subsidised risk-based hepatitis B screening** to prevent liver cancer, under which DHCs and family doctors provide risk-based hepatitis B screening and management through strategic purchasing

- A pilot programme will be launched by the end of 2025:
 - ➤ to provide subsidised hepatitis B screening in primary care setting based on DHC and FD model
 - Screening at territory-level for early detection of hepatitis B infection in carriers not aware of own status
 - reduce the risk of complications (such as liver cancer and cirrhosis)
 - ➤ Integrated in the Life Course Preventive Care Plan

Key Service Features

- Risk-based screening and care services
 - For selected group of those at high risk of CHB infection
- Use of Point-of-care (POC) testing after health risk factor assessment
- Management of CHB at primary care level, including
 - > prescription of anti-virals and HCC surveillance at primary care level
 - ➤ protocol-driven approach and bidirectional referral mechanism / secondary referral with HA
- IT system enhancement
 - > health empowerment and risk assessment



Service Model

Community

New Enrolment / Existing member

CLIENT

Source:

- High risk group of CHB infection (i.e. household member of known CHB patients)

Health
empowerment and
risk assessment
through e-Health
app

Nurse in DHC

- Enrol into CDCC Pilot
 Scheme and Pair FD
- Health Risk Factor
 Assessment to identify high risk group
- POC Test to identify hep B carriers

Hospital Authority Private Clinic Bidirectional Referral **Specialist Clinic Family Doctors** (One-off consultation) Core Service POC +ve Provide CHB care at Confirm diagnosis + specialist level Initial assessment +/- Prescription of anti-viral Long-term follow up and Secondary monitoring, HCC surveillance Referral POC -ve Optional Service Immune status checking and vaccination

Network Service (Coordinated by DHC)

DHC

Community Pharmacy

Laboratory Services

Framework for Clinical Reference – Management of Adult Patients with CHB in Primary Care

- Designed based on the 'Management of Adult Patients with Chronic Hepatitis B in Primary Care' guideline by the Viral Hepatitis Control Office (VHCO) under the DH
- The Steering Committee on Prevention and Control of Viral Hepatitis has been set up to formulate strategies to prevent and control viral hepatitis
- Co-chaired by the Director of Health and the Chief Executive of the HA;
 Membership comprises representatives of academia and experts of different medical specialties, HHB, CHP of the DH and the HA

A guideline is currently under review for supporting FDs to manage cases and will be disseminated in Q4

Management of Adult Patients with Chronic Hepatitis B in Primary Care

September 2023

Available at:

https://www.hepatitis.gov.hk/english/health_profes sionals/files/Management of Adult Patients with CHB in Primary Care full guidance.pdf

Overview of Key Enablers in Development

- 1. Enhanced clinical protocol for CHB screening and management
- 2. Structured **training** programme
- 3. Bi-directional referral mechanisms with Hospital Authority
- 4. Strategic Purchasing of laboratory and radiological services
- **5. IT system** enhancement

>Subsidy level and co-payment for CDM platform is under review

Timeline of Implementation

Service launch by end of 2025

Provide enrolment details

Provide **structured training programme** on Hep B

Provide **guideline** and **protocol** for screening and management

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Questions & Answers

Please send in your questions using the "Q&A" function.



- Questions will be answered one by one.
- Unanswered questions will be addressed and supplementary information will be provided via the eBulletin.
- Please provide your email address if individual follow-up reply is needed.



Key dates of CDCC Pilot Scheme in 2025

Expansion of Drug List	Ordering of new drug items	2 July
	Prescription of new drug items	1 August
Co-payment Adjustments	Family Doctors to input co-payment adjustments, if any, on IT platform	1 - 19 August
	Effective date of revised co-payment	1 September

Thank you! More Views and Questions

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Webinar and reference materials will be available on CDCC website



