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**Participant Information Notice**

**1. Eligibility**

1.1 To enrol in the District Health Centre Scheme (“**DHC Scheme**”) as a member (“**Member**”), an individual must

(a) be one of the following:

(i) a holder of the Hong Kong Identity Card issued under the Registration of Persons Ordinance (Cap. 177 of the Laws of Hong Kong); for the avoidance of doubt a person who obtained his / her Hong Kong Identity Card by virtue of a previous permission to land or remain in Hong Kong granted to him and such permission has expired or ceased to be valid is not considered such a holder; or

(ii) a holder of a valid certificate of exemption within the meaning of the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115 of the Laws of Hong Kong); or

(iii) a child who is a Hong Kong resident and under 11 years of age; and

(b) have enrolled in the Electronic Health Record Sharing System (“**eHRSS**”) and consented to share his/her information available in the eHRSS with different classes of transferees including the District Health Centres / District Health Centre Expresses (each a “**DHC**”) and the healthcare service providers engaged by the Operators of DHC for provision of services under the DHC Scheme (“**Service Provider(s)**”).

1.2 An individual needs to provide his/her consent to enrol in DHC Scheme via electronic application or by submission of a duly signed application form to the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (“**Government**”).

1.3 If at any time after being enrolled in DHC Scheme, a Member ceases to fulfil any of the

eligibility criteria set out in Section 1.1(a)(i) and (a)(ii) above (or in the case of Section 1.1(a)(iii) above, does not qualify under Section 1.1(a)(i)) and/or ceases to comply with the eligibility criterion set out in Section 1.2 above, he/she shall notify his/her corresponding DHC immediately and shall not be entitled to receive any subsidy from the Government under the DHC Scheme after he/she does not fulfil any of the aforementioned eligibility criteria.

- 1.4 Membership of the DHC Scheme is non-transferrable and the use of a Member's membership by any person other than the Member is prohibited.

## **2. Scope of Services of the DHC Scheme**

- 2.1 Services to be provided to the Members under the DHC Scheme are partially or fully subsidised by the Government funding. The following services are fully-subsidised by the Government and shall be provided to Members free-of charge:

- (a) health risk factors assessment;
- (b) self-management support programme;
- (c) patient empowerment programme;
- (d) nursing assessment, counselling and coordination;
- (e) drug review / counselling by pharmacist;
- (f) community resource support / counselling by social worker.

- 2.2 Health assessment and healthcare services are partially subsidised by the Government. Members are required to pay a Co-Payment fee for services provided by Healthcare Service Providers or DHC under the DHC Scheme as explained in Section 3.1(b) below. Such services include but not limited to the following –

- (a) Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme;
- (b) Chronic Disease Management; and
- (c) Community Rehabilitation

- 2.3 Members shall note that the Government may vary the scope of services under the DHC Scheme from time to time and any such variations will be binding on them. The current scope of services and other information on the DHC Scheme may be found at [https://www.dhc.gov.hk/en/healthcare\\_service\\_providers.html#hsp-faq](https://www.dhc.gov.hk/en/healthcare_service_providers.html#hsp-faq)

## **3. Government Subsidy, Co-Payment fee and Waiver**

### **3.1 Government Subsidy**

- (a) If a Member receives any of the services outlined in Section 2.1 above from a healthcare Service Provider under the DHC Scheme, the Government shall fully subsidise the costs of providing such services.
- (b) If a Member visits a Healthcare Service Provider (each visit, a “**Subsidised Visit**”) and receives any of the services mentioned in Section 2.2 above from a Healthcare Service Provider under the DHC Scheme, the Healthcare Service Provider shall charge a service fee for every Subsidised Visit and in relation thereto:
  - (i) the Government shall pay an amount equal to the difference between the amount

charged by the Healthcare Service Provider and the Co-payment fee (each payment, a “**Co-Payment**”) to the Healthcare Service Provider; and

- (ii) subject to Section 3.1 (b)(i) above , the Member shall pay Co-Payment fee set by the Government to the Service Provider.
- (c) A Member may settle the Co-Payment with Elderly Health Care Voucher.
- (d) Where a Member receives services from a healthcare Service Provider that falls outside of the scope of the DHC Scheme, the Member shall bear all of the costs of receiving such service at his/her own expense.

### 3.2 Waiver

- (a) Until a date to be specified by the Government, a Member may apply for waiver of the obligation to pay the Co-Payment fee (“**Waiver**”) if he/she is any of the following:
  - (i) a Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipient;
  - (ii) an Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) recipient and aged 75 or above;
  - (iii) a Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) holder at level 0; or
  - (iv) a recipient of Medical fee waiver issued by the Hospital Authority of Hong Kong.
- (b) To apply for the Waiver, a Member is required to provide proof of identity and information and/or documentary proof as mentioned in Section 3.2 (a) above to evidence his/her eligibility for the Waiver.
- (c) The DHCs / DHC Expresses will verify the eligibility of the Members who have been granted medical fee waiver by the Hospital Authority of Hong Kong through the DHC IT system.
- (d) The Waiver does not cover any fees, costs or expenses associated with or incurred from the Member’s enrolment in or application for enrolment in, or services provided to them under, the Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme.

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## 4. Termination of Membership of the DHC Scheme

4.1 Membership of the DHC Scheme is free. Subject to early termination due to the Member ceasing to meet the eligibility criteria for the DHC Scheme or withdrawing from the DHC Scheme, membership enrolment in the DHC Scheme is lifelong.

- 4.2 A Member who wishes to withdraw from the DHC Scheme may, by giving prior notice to his/her corresponding DHC, withdraw from, and cease to be a member of the DHC Scheme.
- 4.3 If the Government has reasonable ground(s) to believe that a Member is no longer eligible to enrol in the DHC Scheme, the Government may terminate his/her enrolment in the DHC Scheme by giving written notice to him/her.
- 4.4 All the Services scheduled for, and the unused Subsidised Visit sessions of a Member whose membership is terminated will be cancelled immediately from the date of termination of his/her membership.
- 4.5 A Member whose membership is terminated, (whether by himself / herself or by the Government) must settle all of his/her outstanding payment before the effective date of such termination.