

Service fee adjustment for private doctors under GOPC-PPP Programme

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) today (July 29) announced that in consideration of the latest Composite Consumer Price Index, the service fee for the Participating Service Providers (PSPs) in the General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership (GOPC PPP) Programme will be increased from \$3,486 to \$3,510 per patient per year at the maximum with retrospective effect from July 1, 2021.

According to the HA spokesperson, the calculation of the adjustment was based on the commonly used Composite Consumer Price Index (Medical Services), published in the Monthly Report on the Consumer Price Index by the Hong Kong Government's Census and Statistics Department for the period from July 2020 to June 2021.

"The maximum total payment to PSPs per patient per year, covering up to 10 consultations, will be increased from \$3,486 to \$3,510. Participating patients, however, will continue to pay only the HA GOPC fee of \$50 per attendance," the spokesperson said.

The GOPC PPP Programme has been implemented in all 18 districts in Hong Kong. The territory-wide implementation will give patients more choices in selecting their family doctors all over Hong Kong. As at the end of June 2021, nearly 600 PSPs were providing consultation services to more than 40,000 GOPC patients who have joined the Programme.

The spokesperson also expressed gratitude to the PSPs for providing convenient consultation and drug refill service options for patients who have joined the Programme during the COVID-19 epidemic in the past year, and additional service quotas during the winter surge.

"All HA PPP programmes work on Electronic Health Record (eHR) platforms. PSPs and patients have to register for eHR if they wish to join the programmes, including the GOPC PPP Programme," the spokesperson added.

The HA will continue to monitor closely the implementation of the GOPC PPP Programme and closely keep in view the feedback from service providers, patients and other parties concerned.