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Dear doctors,

**Invitation to Enrolment of
Vaccination Subsidy Schemes 2011/12 for Private Medical Practitioners
and Primary Care Directory**

We are delighted to inform private medical practitioners that the Vaccination Subsidy Schemes 2011/12 and Primary Care Directory are calling for enrolment.

I. Enrolment of Vaccination Subsidy Schemes (VSS) 2011/12

There are two schemes under VSS 2011/12 namely, CIVSS and EVSS:-

i. Childhood Influenza Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (CIVSS)

Hong Kong residents between the age of 6 months and less than 6 years OR attending a kindergarten or a child care centre in Hong Kong are entitled to a government subsidy of seasonal influenza vaccination (HK\$80 per dose) received from private medical practitioners enrolled in the CIVSS. The Government will reimburse the enrolled private medical practitioners through eHealth System. The CIVSS will commence on 26 September 2011.

ii. Elderly Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (EVSS)

The Government will subsidise Hong Kong residents aged 65 or above to receive seasonal influenza vaccination (with subsidy of HK\$130 per dose) and pneumococcal vaccination (23-valent polysaccharide) (with subsidy of HK\$190 per dose) provided by enrolled medical practitioners. The EVSS for influenza vaccination season in 2011/12 will start on 26 September 2011 while that for pneumococcal vaccination is ongoing.



Please visit the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) website at www.chp.gov.hk for more details about the above mentioned schemes.

How to Enrol in VSS 2011/12 ?

Interested private medical practitioners are kindly requested to read the Enrolment Guide as well as Terms and Conditions of the Agreement accessible at http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/18002.html; and fill in the application forms on-line or download the application form for completion.

Please kindly note that it takes up to 14 working days to process an enrolment application. It is highly recommended to **submit the completed application forms with relevant documents by 12 September 2011 to Vaccination Office by mail** (Address: Vaccination Office, 2/F, Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health, 147C Argyle Street, Kowloon).

Note: You are also advised to place early purchase orders (e.g. before mid-September) for seasonal influenza (children and elderly) and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines (elderly) with your vaccine suppliers to ensure their timely delivery.

II. Enrolment of Primary Care Directory

As one of the primary care initiatives, the Department of Health has launched the Primary Care Directory in April 2011 to facilitate the public to search for their own primary care providers. Registered doctors who commit themselves to the provision of directly accessible, comprehensive, continuing and coordinated person-centred primary care services are eligible for enrolment. Upon successful enrolment, your personal and practice-based information will be made available for public search. If you have not joined the Directory, you are invited to enroll on-line at www.pcdirectory.gov.hk.

We look forward to your participation in the Vaccination Subsidy Schemes 2011/12 and the Primary Care Directory.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Health