



Government Vaccine Contract for VSS Doctors Enrolled in the Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme

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Background

- Health Bureau (HHB) - **Primary Healthcare Blueprint (2022)**
 - **Primary Healthcare Commission (PHCC):** strengthen **coordination and governance** of primary healthcare services
 - Adopts **strategic purchasing approach** for the planning and resource allocation of primary healthcare services via **Strategic Purchasing Office (SPO)**
- **Seasonal influenza vaccination** : an **important preventive measure in primary healthcare** to protect individuals and communities from influenza and its complications
- **Department of Health (DH):** programmes to provide **subsidised seasonal influenza vaccination** to eligible high-risk population groups
 - Government Vaccination Programme (GVP)
 - Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach Programme (SIVSOP)
 - Residential Care Home Vaccination Programme (RVP)
 - **Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS)**

Existing Situations in 2024/25

Seasonal Influenza Vaccines (SIV) Supply – Current arrangement

- **Government tender:**
 - Arranged by **DH** for the supply of SIV
 - Awarded for an estimated quantity of 1 380 000 doses for a 12-month contract
- **Private Doctors:**
 - VSS doctors **order in advance and procure SIV from suppliers direct** and often opt for **conservative quantities** to prevent wastage
 - **Unpredictable fluctuations** in public demand >> **Unstable supply, Impede vaccination drive** due to availability issues

Figures of Subsidized Seasonal Influenza Vaccination (as of 9 March 2025)

- GVP, SIVSOP, RVP and VSS: around **2 000 000 doses** administered
 - **VSS: ~910 000 doses** administered (~ **46% of the total** administered via Subsidised programmes)
 - **VSS doctors play a vital role** in administering the SIV to the general public

New Arrangements for 2025/26 VSS

- **Expansion of Eligible Groups**
 - Persons aged **18-49 years with chronic medical problems**
- **Promulgation and Education**
- **Supply of SIV through Government Contract**
 - In 2025/26, launching a **pilot and transitional tender**
 - To purchase an **additional 100 000 doses of Inactivated Influenza Vaccines (IIV)**
 - To **test and build readiness** of vaccine suppliers, VSS doctors and IT system
 - In **the long run, explore extending** the SIV supply coverage to **total population**
 - Pulling together **purchasing power**
 - To **reduce uncertainties** in market supply and able to achieve lower vaccine price

Business Model

- **Government's Position**
 - Set up **contracts with suppliers**: allow **"Specified VSS Family Doctors"** to draw SIV at a **specified quantity for eligible persons** under the VSS at a **price set by the Government**
 - As an **alternative source** of vaccine supply
 - "Specified VSS Family Doctors" can also use vaccines procured from private market
- **"Specified VSS Family Doctors"**
 - **Joined both VSS and CDCC Pilot Scheme** in the period specified by the Government
- **Co-payment Setting if Drawing SIV from Government Contract**
 - Required to set the **Co-payment of SIV(IIV) at \$0 across all eligible persons**
 - Eligible persons can benefit directly from Government bulk purchase of lower cost vaccines
 - For other type of vaccine including RIV, LAIV, doctors can set separate co-payment

Way Forward

- Planning for **2026/27 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination**
 - **Review the 2025/26 initiations and make improvements** for the 2026/27 vaccine supply arrangement
 - Explore a tender for **supply of SIV for 2026/27** with a view to **enable all VSS doctors to draw SIV from the Government contract**



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