2025/26 Vaccination Subsidy Scheme

Operational Procedures of the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme

July 2025





1. Subsidy and Co-payment





Subsidy and Co-payment

- The Co-payment of IIV, LAIV and RIV will be displayed on website
- Private Doctor shall not charge Eligible Person a Co-payment higher
 than the amount that he has declared in enrollment
- Private Doctor shall NOT charge Scheme Participant for any amount other than the Co-payment for vaccination
- The VSS price poster showing Co-payment information shall be displayed at a conspicuous place at the clinic



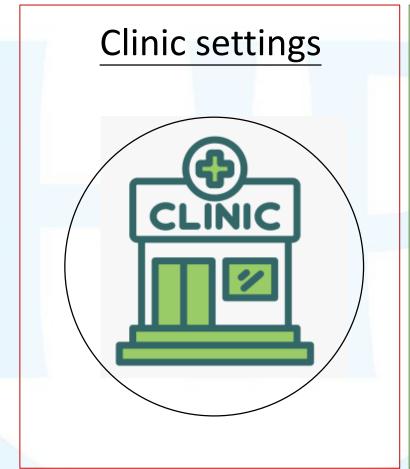


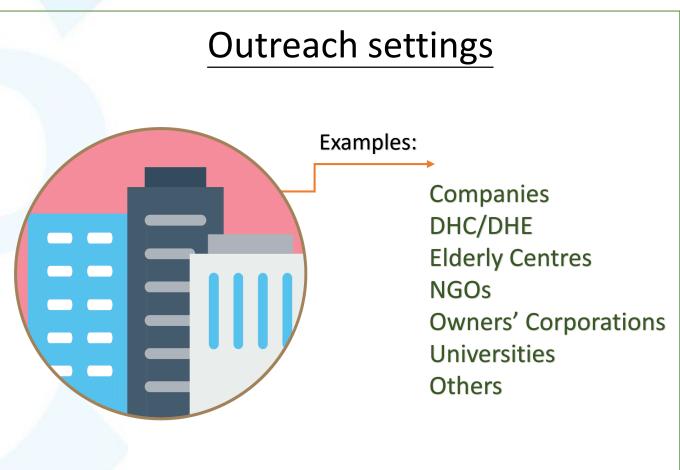
2. Workflow in Clinic Setting





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View of Workflow at Clinic Settings

Step 1: Request and check documentary proof of eligibility

- Scheme Participant to hold and present
- (i) valid identity documents
- (ii) documentary proof supporting Scheme Participant's eligibility (applicable to certain eligible groups)
- Doctor to
- (i) log on IT Platform,
- (ii) check the symbol on the HKIC of the Scheme Participant before Vaccination

<u>Step 2: Obtain Consent from Scheme Participant (or parent/guardian)</u>

- Scheme Participant to give consent via either
- (i) e-Consent, via inserting HKIC to card reader
- (ii) completed and signed consent forms
- Doctor to
 - (i) search and retrieve the eHRSS or eHS(S) account of Scheme Participant,
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 - (iii) input information required in IT Platform

Step 3: Check and verify vaccination history

 Doctor to view vaccination record and verify Scheme Participant's vaccination history

Step 4: Perform clinical assessment

- Doctor to
- (i) double check vaccination history, contraindications and precautions
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Step 5: Vaccination, documentation

- Doctor to
- (i) provide vaccination
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- (iii) update immunization record of Scheme Participant

Step 6: Submit claim for reimbursement

- Doctor to
- (i) confirm claim using PC/ notebook immediately
- (ii) keep original consent form and vaccination records in clinic for 7 years
- System will send SMS to Scheme Participant, notifying them of co-payment amount charged





Step 1: Request and Check Documentary Proof of Eligibility

- Request Scheme Participant (or his parent or the guardian if he is a minor or mentally incapacitated) to produce original Documentary Proof of Eligibility for verification
- Log on IT Platform
- Check the symbol on the HKIC of the Scheme Participant(s) before Vaccination
- eHealth supports a range of identifying document





Step 2: Obtain Consent

- Obtain consent from such Scheme Participant (or parent or guardian as appropriate)
- One type of consent form for all eligible groups
- For both clinic and outreach settings
- eHealth registration is a prerequisite for all Scheme Participants aged 18 or above
- For Scheme Participants below 18, opt-out approach should be adopted
 - Keep paper consent for minor





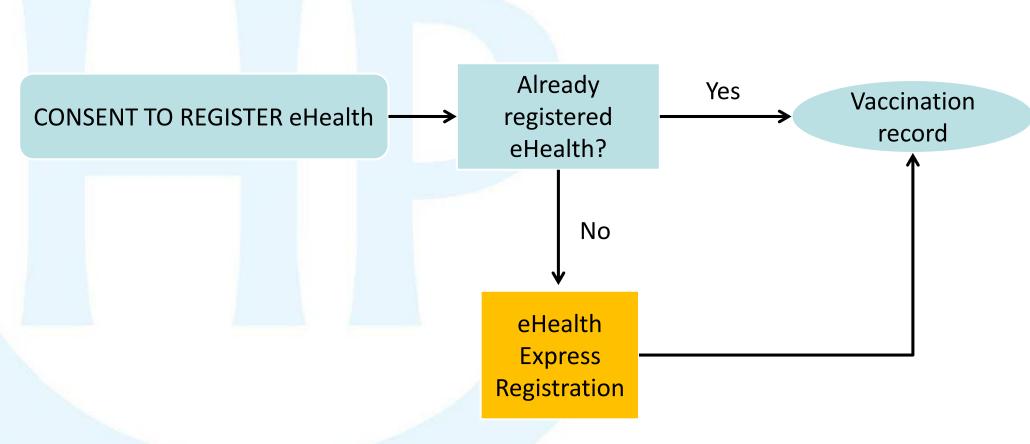
eConsent

- Adult Scheme Participants inserting the HKIC into the smart card reader for capture of the card face data into the IT Platform
- To avoid data input error, doctors should as far as possible use smart card reader for Scheme Participants presenting Hong Kong Identity Card (HKIC)
- **eConsent NOT** applicable to persons below 18 years and people with intellectual disabilities
- Before vaccination, doctors should display the "eConsent under the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme" Notice in clinic, explain to Scheme Participants, and obtain verbal consent to receive vaccine and collect personal data





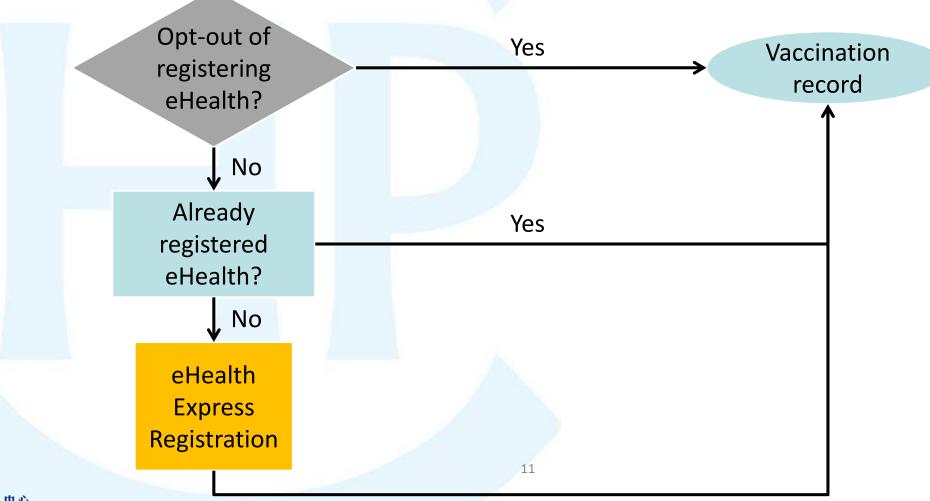
eHealth registration (Prerequisite for Scheme Participants aged 18 or above)







eHealth registration (For Scheme Participants below 18 years)







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- eHealth Registration can be completed in any of the following scenarios:
 - Consent by scheme participant between the age of 16 and less than 18 years
 - Consent by Substitute Decision Maker (e.g. Parent or guardian) of scheme participant aged under 16
 - Consent by Substitute Decision Maker (e.g. Parent or guardian) of scheme participant less than 18 years who is incapable of giving consent





Step 3: Check and Verify Vaccination History

 Verify such Scheme Participant's vaccination history and vaccination record in the IT Platform





Step 4 and 5: Perform Clinical Assessment, Vaccination and Documentation

- Double check vaccination history, contraindications and precautions
- Assess conditions of the Scheme Participants
- Keep medical record and update immunization record of Scheme Participants after providing vaccination
- Keep a copy of Scheme Participant's Documentary Proof of Eligibility (except for documentary proof for Hong Kong resident status)





Step 6: Submit Claims

- Private Doctors should submit claims through IT Platform only after vaccination has actually been given
- Should make claims **immediately** after the vaccination (in any case within 7 days. Vaccination day is regarded as day 1)
 - It is **undesirable** for scheme participants to receive the SMS on co-payment on other days
- Keep record for at least 7 years





3. VSS Outreach Vaccination Activities





Organisers

Organisers: Other Institutions and Community Groups



Companies

DHC/DHE

Elderly Centres

NGOs

Owners' Corporations

Universities

Others







View of Workflow at Outreach Settings

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Step 8: Submit vaccination report





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• Should be submitted at least 7 days before the vaccination activity







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Steps 2-7 Same as clinic settings

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VSS Outreach Vaccination Activities

- Claim submission similar to routine VSS: No batch upload
- Private Doctor should equip computers for outreach activities
- Private Doctor should use card reader to collect eConsent and make claims
- Private Doctor should handle claim submission on site to ensure that scheme participants can receive the SMS message immediately
- List of Private Doctor providing outreach service under this scheme will be displayed on website





VSS Outreach Vaccination Activities

- The use of logos of DH, CHP and VSS without prior permission of the Government is prohibited
- Private Doctor, organisers and participants should stay clear of associating with any **improper** financial (or advantage) transactions
- Staff of the Government might conduct on-site inspections with prior notification
- Environmental Protection Department (EPD) might conduct surprise on-site inspections to ensure the compliance with the Waste Disposal (Clinical Waste) (General) Regulation





4. Common Problems in Making claims





Common Problems

- Incorrect dose order for children who require two doses of SIV
- Incorrect input of identity document type and/or number
- Incorrect Scheme Participant's name
- Missing signature/Signature on the wrong field of the consent form
- Private doctors shall not claim subsidy for themselves/ their children/ wards
- Making claims to incorrect programme
- Forget to complete document in relation to "requiring constant attendance"





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Thank you!



