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#### BY EMAIL AND BY POST

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Dear Doctors Enrolled in the VSS,

# Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS) 2021/22 and Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme (HCVS) Invitation to Briefing and Request for Service Fee Information

Thank you for your support and contribution to the VSS. We would like to i) inform you the arrangement of VSS in the 2021/22 season; ii) to provide you an update of HCVS; and iii) to invite you to the concerned briefings.

# I. Arrangements of VSS 2021/22

#### A. Eligible Groups

For VSS 2021/22, the eligible groups for subsidised seasonal influenza vaccination (SIV) and subsidised pneumococcal vaccination are the same as those of the 2020/21 season.

Please see details in Annex I.

#### **B.** Subsidies

The subsidies for SIV, 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (23vPPV) and 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccines (PCV13) are the same as those of the 2020/21 season and as follows:

1. SIV – HK \$240 each dose;

2. 23vPPV vaccination – HK \$300 each dose; and

3. PCV13 vaccination\* – HK \$760 each dose.

<sup>\*</sup>There is only one brand of PCV13 which has been registered for sale in Hong Kong and the company supplying that brand agrees to offer it to the doctor at a net price of \$660 per dose for administration under the VSS.

# C. VSS Vaccination at Non-Clinic Settings

VSS doctors who have registered a practice for vaccination at non-clinic setting can accept invitations from organisations/ companies to provide outreach vaccination services for all eligible groups. For VSS School Outreach (Extra Charge Allowed) Programme, school children, regardless of their Hong Kong resident status, will be eligible for vaccination subsidy in vaccination activities taking place at their schools. The subsidy levels for all vaccines administered in outreach settings will be the same as those administered in clinics.

A notification form (See **Annex II**) should be submitted to Programme Management and Vaccination Division (PMVD) at least two weeks before the vaccination date. Failure to notify two weeks in advance is a non-compliance with the Doctors' Guide and the Agreement with enrolled doctors under VSS.

## D. Agreement, Doctors' Guide and Requirement to enrol in PCD

The Terms and Conditions of the Agreement for VSS ("the Agreement") in 2021/22 season and the Doctors' Guide will soon be updated and uploaded to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) website for enrolled VSS doctors' information and compliance.

A separate e-mail will be sent to you in due course to highlight the updates for VSS 2021/22.

Please note that doctors who wish to continue enrolment in VSS 2021/22 have to maintain listing in Primary Care Directory (PCD) before the start of the 2021/22 season.

#### II. Provide Service Fee Information for continue enrolment in VSS

Should you wish to continue your enrolment in the coming VSS 2021/22, the following updated information should be submitted to the PMVD:

- (i) The eligible group(s) under the type(s) of vaccination mentioned at **Annex I** that you would like to provide service under VSS 2021/22; and
- (ii) The service fees that you would charge in respect of each of these eligible group(s) under the type(s) of vaccination that you opt to provide.

Please complete the "Provision of Information on Service Fees" Form at **Annex III** and kindly note that your subsidy claims will **NOT** be processed if you do not provide the information. The above information will be displayed at the eHealth System (Subsidies) - List of Enrolled Healthcare Service Providers (<a href="https://apps.hcv.gov.hk/Public/en/SPS/Search">https://apps.hcv.gov.hk/Public/en/SPS/Search</a>) for public viewing. It is the obligation

of VSS enrolled doctors to provide accurate information so as to maintain information transparency and easy search by the public. Completed form(s) should be returned to the PMVD by fax to 2713 9576 or email to <a href="mailto-vacs@dh.gov.hk">vacs@dh.gov.hk</a> on or before 1 September 2021. Late submission may delay the delivery of welcome packs for VSS 2021/22.

For updates on other particulars, please use the attached "Request to Change Particulars" Form at **Annex IV**.

## III. Update of the HCVS

The HCVS was launched in 2009 to subsidise eligible elderly persons to use private primary healthcare services that best suit their health needs. At present, elderly persons aged 65 or above are provided with an annual voucher amount of \$2,000 and the accumulation limit of vouchers is \$8,000. Registered medical practitioners are invited to join the HCVS to facilitate elderly persons to use private healthcare services in their local communities. The opportunity is also taken to remind medical practitioners enrolled in the HCVS to observe and comply with the terms and conditions of the HCVS Agreement, which is accessible via the Scheme website (https://www.hcv.gov.hk/files/pdf/HCVS Agreement (Eng).pdf).

# IV. Invitation to Briefings

To provide more details on the arrangement for VSS 2021/22 and the HCVS, we would like to invite you to attend **one of the** following identical briefing sessions:

Date: 8 July 2021 (Thu)^	Date: 9 July 2021 (Fri)^
Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm; or	Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm; or
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Venue: Lecture Theatre, G/F, Centre for Health Protection, 147C Argyle Street, Kowloon Will also be conducted through ZOOM	Venue: Wan Chai Activities Centre, LG/F, Wan Chai Market, Wan Chai, Hong Kong ZOOM will NOT be arranged

<sup>^</sup>To prevent the possible spread of the COVID-19, the number of seats for each briefing is fixed and no additional seats will be provided for walk-in participants. No food or drink will be provided.

Seats are reserved on a first-come-first-served basis. If you wish to join any one of the above sessions, please complete the following form (link: <a href="https://forms.gle/umehDxhvYMU9mWSr5">https://forms.gle/umehDxhvYMU9mWSr5</a>) on or before 4 July 2021. The presentation materials about VSS will be uploaded to the website of CHP after the briefings.

## V. Enquiries

We look forward to your continuous support to VSS 2021/22. Please feel free to contact the PMVD at our designated telephone line for VSS doctors, 2125 2299, for any enquiries.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr Grace TONG)

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