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Dear Doctors Enrolled in the VSS,

Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS) 2022/23,
Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme (HCVS)
Invitation to Briefing, Enrolment 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 2022/23 season; ii) provide you an update of HCVS; and iii) to invite you to the concerned briefings.

I. Arrangements of VSS 2022/23

A. Eligible Groups

For VSS 2022/23, the eligible groups for subsidised seasonal influenza vaccination (SIV) and subsidised pneumococcal vaccination are the same as those of the 2021/22 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 as follows:

1. SIV – HK \$260 each dose;
2. 23vPPV vaccination – HK \$400 each dose; and
3. PCV13 vaccination – HK \$800 each dose.

Please see details in **Annex I**.

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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.

As in previous years, 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 2022/23 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 2022/23.

Given the exigency of COVID-19 vaccination, Food and Health Bureau has waived with effect from 11 February 2022 for a period of 6 months, on an exceptional basis, the Continuing Medical Education (CME) / Primary Care Directory (PCD) requirement, applicable to doctors participating in VSS, including doctors who are providing seasonal influenza vaccination, pneumococcal vaccination and COVID-19 vaccination. Updates will be announced in the website (<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/50795.html>).

E. Provide Service Fee Information for continue enrolment in VSS

Should you wish to continue your enrolment in the coming VSS 2022/23, 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 2022/23; 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.

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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 information of (i) and (ii) above will be displayed at the eHealth System (Subsidies) - List of Enrolled Healthcare Service Providers (<https://apps.hcv.gov.hk/Public/en/SPS/Search>) 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 vacs@dh.gov.hk **on or before 2 September 2022**.

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

F. COVID-19 Vaccination Programme at Clinics under the VSS

The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme at Clinics under the VSS provides COVID-19 vaccination free of charge to eligible persons through private clinics. The Government will provide COVID-19 vaccines to enrolled private doctors and clinics and will reimburse vaccination subsidy to enrolled doctors for vaccination administered to eligible persons at their clinics. You may wish to find details in the Terms and Conditions (https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/COVID19_VSS_Agreement_T_and_C.pdf) and Doctors’ Guide (https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/VSS_DoctorsGuide.pdf).

For enrolment, please complete the attached Written Agreement to Enrol to COVID-19 Vaccination Programme at Clinics under the VSS at **Annex V** and return the completed forms and documents to the PMVD by fax (fax no. 2713 9576), by e-mail (e-mail address: covid19_vss@dh.gov.hk) or by post (address: 3/F, Two Harbourfront, 18 - 22 Tak Fung Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong).

II. 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 HCVS website (https://www.hcv.gov.hk/files/pdf/HCVS_Agreement_Eng.pdf).

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III. Invitation to Briefings

To provide more details on the arrangement for VSS 2022/23 and the HCVS, we would like to invite you to attend **one of the** following identical online briefing sessions:

Title: Recommendations on Seasonal Influenza Vaccination/ Pneumococcal Vaccination, Vaccination Subsidy Scheme 2022/23 and Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme	
Date: 23 June 2022	Date: 28 June 2022
Time: 2:00 to 3:30 pm	Time: 2:00 to 3:30 pm
Venue: Conducted through ZOOM	Venue: Conducted through ZOOM

If you wish to join any one of the above sessions, **please complete the following form (link: <https://forms.gle/u2yNYaeEyFQz7swk7>) on or before 21 June 2022**. The presentation materials about VSS will be uploaded to the website of CHP after the briefings.

QR code for accessing the Google form:



IV. Enquiries

We look forward to your continuous support to VSS 2022/23. Please feel free to contact the PMVD at our designated telephone line for VSS doctors, 2125 2299 or 3975 4806, for any enquiries.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,



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