

**Covering Notes for Application to Enrol in
the Health Care Voucher Scheme, Vaccination Subsidy Schemes
and Primary Care Directory**

(Please read these notes carefully before completing the Application Form)

1. To apply to enrol in any of the schemes/programme below, you must complete and sign the Application Form at Appendix A and provide all required information and documents. You should indicate clearly in Part I of the Form the schemes/programme that you apply to enrol. For enrolment in HCVS and vaccination subsidy schemes, you must also complete and sign the Authority for Payment to a Bank at Appendix B together with the required information and documents.

- (a) The Health Care Voucher Scheme (“HCVS”) provides health care vouchers for Hong Kong elderly aged 70 or above to partially subsidise their use of primary health care services in the private sector in accordance with the details set out at Appendix C. A brief introduction of HCVS is provided at the website: www.hcv.gov.hk.
- (b) The Childhood Influenza Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (“CIVSS”) and Elderly Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (“EVSS”) provide vaccination subsidy to Hong Kong residents in accordance with the Schedules at Appendix D and Appendix E respectively. A brief introduction of these vaccination subsidy schemes is provided at the website: www.chp.gov.hk.
- (c) The Primary Care Directory (“PCD”) provides a web-based platform to facilitate public search for personal and practice-based information of various primary care providers in accordance with the details set out at Appendix F. A brief introduction of the PCD is provided at the website: www.pcdirectory.gov.hk.

2. A registered medical practitioner within the meaning of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) who holds a valid practising certificate issued under that Ordinance practising in the private sector may enrol in any or all of the above schemes/programme in paragraph 1.

3. A registered dentist within the meaning of the Dentists Registration Ordinance (Cap. 156) who holds a valid practising certificate issued under that Ordinance and a registered Chinese medicine practitioner within the meaning of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549) who holds a valid practising certificate issued under that Ordinance practising in the private sector may enrol in HCVS and PCD.

4. Apart from registered medical practitioners , registered dentists , and registered Chinese medicine practitioners, the HCVS is also open for enrolment application for healthcare providers in any of the following professions practising in the private sector:

- (a) a registered chiropractor within the meaning of the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance (Cap. 428) who holds a valid practising certificate issued under that Ordinance;
- (b) a registered nurse or an enrolled nurse within the meaning of the Nurses Registration Ordinance (Cap. 164) who holds a valid practising certificate issued under that Ordinance;
- (c) a medical laboratory technologist who is registered under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359) ("SMPO") and who holds a valid practising certificate issued under the SMPO;
- (d) an occupational therapist who is registered under the SMPO and who holds a valid practising certificate issued under the SMPO;
- (e) a physiotherapist who is registered under the SMPO and who holds a valid practising certificate issued under the SMPO;
- (f) a radiographer who is registered under the SMPO and who holds a valid practising certificate issued under the SMPO; and
- (g) an optometrist who is registered under the SMPO (in Part I of the register) and who holds a valid practising certificate issued under the SMPO.

5. Transaction Documents include:

- (a) Application Form (Appendix A);
- (b) Authority for Payment to a Bank (Appendix B);
- (c) Definitions, Terms and Conditions of Agreement for HCVS (Appendix C);
- (d) Definitions, Terms and Conditions of Agreement, and Schedule for CIVSS (Appendix D);

(e) Definitions, Terms and Conditions of Agreement, and Schedule for EVSS (Appendix E); and

(f) Disclaimer and Terms and Conditions for PCD (Appendix F)

6. When applying for enrolment in HCVS and vaccination subsidy schemes, if you are employed or engaged by a medical organization (whether incorporated or not) to provide the relevant services with respect to the scheme(s) or if you provide the relevant services with respect to the scheme(s) under the name of a medical organization (whether as the sole proprietor, one of the partners, the shareholders, directors or other officers of the medical organization, and whether the medical organization is incorporated or not), the medical organization must also complete and sign the Appendix A and Appendix B together with the required information related to the medical organization.

7. Besides, if:

(a) you are employed or engaged by more than one medical organization to provide health care services; or

(b) you provide health care services under the name of more than one medical organization (whether as the sole proprietor, one of the partners, the shareholders, directors or other officers of the medical organization); or

(c) you provide medical services in the circumstances described in both (a) and (b) above,

you and the relevant medical organization must each complete, sign and submit a separate set of Appendix A and Appendix B in respect of each medical organization.

8. The Government will notify you in writing (“Notification”) the result of your application. For application to enrol in HCVS and/or vaccination subsidy schemes, the Government will notify you in 14 working days. For PCD application, the Government will inform you of successful enrolment in 20 working days, and by then your personal and practice-based information will be available in the PCD for public search.

9. If your application is successful, a binding agreement on the terms and conditions set out in Appendices C to F with respect to the scheme(s)/programme the enrolment in which is being applied for as indicated in Part I of the Application Form shall be constituted between the Government, you and (if applicable) the medical organization specified in the Application Form and the Notification on the date of the Notification.

10. Without prejudice to any provision of the Application Form and the other transaction documents, by submitting an Application Form, you and the medical organization (if applicable) specified in the Application Form are taken to have agreed to observe and comply with all the terms and conditions of these Covering Notes and all transaction documents (Appendices C to F with respect to the scheme(s)/programme the enrolment in which is being applied for as specified in Part I of the Application Form) listed in paragraph 5 above.

11. Enquiry support for medical practitioners:

Vaccination Office, Department of Health -

Tel: 2125 2125; Fax: 2713 9576; or E-mail: vacs@dh.gov.hk

Enquiry support for healthcare service providers in other professions:

Health Care Voucher Unit, Department of Health -

Tel: 3582 4102; Fax: 3582 4115; or E-mail: hcvu@dh.gov.hk