

Service fee adjustment for private doctors under GOPC-PPP Programme

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) today (July 25) announced that in consideration of the latest composite consumer price index, the service fee for the Participating Service Providers (PSPs) in the General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership (GOPC PPP) Programme will be increased by around 4.1 per cent from \$3,155 to \$3,283 per patient per year at the maximum with retrospective effect from July 1, 2018.

According to the HA spokesperson, the calculation of the adjustment was based on the commonly used Composite Consumer Price Index (Medical Services), published in the Monthly Report on the Consumer Price Index by the Census and Statistics Department, for the period from July 2017 to June 2018.

"The maximum total payment to PSPs per patient per year, covering up to 10 consultations, will be increased from \$3,155 to \$3,283. Participating patients, however, will continue to pay only the HA General Outpatient Clinic (GOPC) fee of \$50 per attendance," the spokesperson said.

The GOPC PPP Programme has been extended to cover all 18 districts in the territory since April this year. As at the end of June 2018, over 360 PSPs were providing consultation services to more than 24,000 GOPC patients who have joined the Programme. The territory-wide implementation will give patients more choices in selecting their family doctors all over Hong Kong.

"All HA Public-Private Partnership Programmes work on Electronic Health Record (eHR) platforms. PSPs and patients have to register for the eHR system if they wish to join the programmes, including the GOPC PPP Programme," the spokesperson added.

The HA will continue to monitor closely the implementation of the GOPC PPP Programme and keep in view closely the feedback from service providers, patients and other parties concerned.