

Panel on Health Services

List of issues suggested to be considered
(position as at 14 October 2008)

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| 1. Grant to the Samaritan Fund | Nov 2008 |
| Item proposed by the Administration to seek the Panel's support for the injection of one billion dollars into the Samaritan Fund | |
| 2. Promotion of Organ Donation | Nov 2008 |
| Item proposed by the Administration | |
| 3. Allocation of resources among hospital clusters by the Hospital Authority (HA) | To be confirmed |
| At the meeting on 14 January 2008, the Administration was requested to revert to members in six months' time on the motion carried, the development of the new internal funding allocation model, the suggestion of rotating Hospital Chief Executives (HCEs) to also serve as Cluster Chief Executive and the progress made in rotating HCEs to work at other hospitals. | |
| 4. Progress report on promoting healthy eating among school children | To be confirmed |
| The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 8 January 2007. The Administration was requested to report to the Panel after it had completed an evaluation study of the campaign to promote healthy eating habit among school children at the end of the 2006-2007 school year and to take into account members' views and suggestions in the comprehensive review of the campaign. | |

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5. Billing arrangements for private patient services at public hospitals

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 10 December 2007, Dr Hon YEUNG Sum suggested to invite representatives from the two universities with medical faculties to discuss billing arrangements for private patients at a future meeting.

6. Review of the pilot schemes on the Doctor Work Reform Recommendation Report

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 10 March 2008, the Panel passed a motion requesting the Administration and HA to, among others, report the outcome of the review on the pilot schemes launched for implementing the Doctor Work Reform Recommendation Report to the Panel before the expiry of the last legislative session.

7. Regulation of medical devices

To be confirmed

Item proposed by the Administration.

At the Panel meeting on 27 April 2006, members agreed to follow up on the implementation timetable for regulation of medical devices, including the use of Hydrophilic Polyacrylamide Gel (PAAG) for breast augmentation.

8. Study on non-tobacco products that share the same trade mark as tobacco products

To be confirmed

Item proposed by the Administration.

At the request of the Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005, the Administration undertook to examine the viability of prohibiting the use of tobacco brand name and logo on non-tobacco products.

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9. Mode of supply of self-financed item (SFI) drugs to patients of public hospitals

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 12 February 2007, the Administration was requested to report to the Panel when the HA Board had come to a view on the mode of supply of SFI drugs before implementation.

10. Regulation of "Health Maintenance Organisations" (HMOs)

To be confirmed

The issue was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 11 June 2007. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the time frame for establishing a statutory licensing regime to regulate HMOs, in view of the lack of adequacy of the Medical Director concept to safeguard patients' welfare.

11. Review of the assessment criteria for introducing new drugs into the Hospital Authority Drug Formulary and for assistance under the Samaritan Fund

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG during the last term of the Legislative Council.

12. Operation and manpower arrangements of public mortuaries

To be confirmed

During the last term of the Legislative Council, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki proposed to discuss the operation of public mortuaries arising from the failure of a mortuary staff at Victoria Public Mortuary to observe the stipulated procedures for claiming of deceased body before sending the body for burial. Hon Andrew CHENG separately proposed to discuss the manpower arrangements of public mortuaries.

13. Communicable Disease Information System

To be confirmed

Item proposed by the Administration during the last term of the Legislative Council.

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14. Regulation of health care personnel not currently subject to statutory registration

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki during the last term of the Legislative Council.

15. Separation of prescribing from dispensing of drugs

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum during the last term of the Legislative Council.

The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 28 June 2005, during which the Administration advised that its position was that the matter would require thorough discussion by the stakeholders and the community at large, and the Administration would continue to listen to views and engage the parties concerned in the discussion before deciding the way forward.

16. Health care complaints mechanism

To be confirmed

This item was previously discussed by the Panel in 2002. The Administration undertook to revert on this subject.

17. Enhancing the provision of dental care for the elderly and extending school dental care services to post-primary students

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki during the last term of the Legislative Council.

18. Medical Misadventure Fund

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Albert HO during the last term of the Legislative Council.

19. Increase in professional indemnity insurance premiums

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki during the last term of the Legislative Council.

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- 20. Regulation of services provided by beauticians** To be confirmed
- Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki during the last term of the Legislative Council.
- 21. Medical practice by unregistered medical practitioners** To be confirmed
- Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki during the last term of the Legislative Council.
- 22. Expansion of private services by HA** To be confirmed
- Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG during the last term of the Legislative Council.
- 23. Report on “Substitute decision-making and advance directives in relation to medical treatment”** To be confirmed
- The above report was published by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong in August 2006.
- 24. Review of fee waiver mechanism for public hospital fees and charges** To be confirmed
- Referred for follow-up by Duty Roster Members following their meeting with a deputation on 22 November 2006.
- 25. Medical services in Tin Shui Wai** To be confirmed
- Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG during the last term of the Legislative Council.
- 26. Nursing care in residential care homes for the elderly** To be confirmed
- Item proposed by Dr Hon Joseph LEE during the last term of the Legislative Council.