

Panel on Health Services**List of follow-up actions**

(Position as at 7 November 2008)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Further discussion on the obstetric service charge for non-eligible persons whose spouses are Hong Kong residents	30 April 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the motion passed by the Panel at the meeting on 16 April 2007 by early June 2007 at the latest. The wording of the motion reads as follows -</p> <p>"本委員會對於衛生福利及食物局及醫院管理局於今年 2 月初推行公立醫院內地孕婦的新收費政策(39,000 元／48,000 元)未有考慮對港人家庭(即父親為香港居民而母親為準來港婦女之家庭)的影響表示遺憾，並要求當局豁免港人家庭按新收費政策繳費。"</p>	<p>The effectiveness of the new obstetric service arrangements (including the obstetric service package charge) and complementary immigration measures are being closely monitored.</p> <p>A refund mechanism on the new obstetric package charge was introduced on 29 October 2007 by the Hospital Authority (HA). The Administration's response on the refund mechanism was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 533/07-08(01) on 6 December 2007.</p>

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		<p>(Translation)</p> <p>"That this Panel expresses regret that the new obstetric package charge (\$39,000/\$48,000) implemented by the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau and the Hospital Authority in early February this year for Mainland women giving birth in public hospitals has failed to take into account its impact on Hong Kong families (i.e. those with the father being a Hong Kong resident and the mother a Two-way Permit holder), and urges the Government to exempt these families from the new fee charging policy."</p> <p>The Administration was also requested to include in its written response to the Panel the suggestion of refunding fees paid at the time of booking for public obstetric services if the delivery did not take place eventually due to valid reasons such as a miscarriage.</p>	
<p>2. Iron chelating therapy for Thalassaemia patients in public hospitals</p>	<p>24 June 2008</p>	<p>The Administration undertook to disseminate information and guidelines on the mechanism for dealing with those exceptional cases where Desferrioxamine and Deferiprone had failed to meet the needs of Thalassaemia patients concerned, to doctors in all the seven hospital clusters as soon as practicable; and to provide information in writing on the operation of the mechanism to the Panel.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)23/08-09(01) on 13 October 2008.</p>

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3. Consultation on Healthcare Reform	24 June 2008	The Administration undertook to provide a summary of the views received during the first stage of the consultation on healthcare reform to the Panel in around end of 2008 or early 2009 upon completion of the analysis on views received during the consultation period.	The Administration will provide a written response.

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