

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 6 May 2010)

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Cataract Surgeries Programme New item proposed by the Administration	June 2010
2. Replacement of central air-conditioning system for the Prince Philip Dental Hospital New item proposed by the Administration	June 2010 *
3. Healthcare Reform Second Stage – Primary care reform When the Report on First Stage Public Consultation on Healthcare Reform was discussed at the meeting on 9 February 2009, Hon Audrey EU expressed concern about the progress of promoting public-private partnership in healthcare.	July 2010
4. Regulation of medical devices Item proposed by the Administration during the last term of the Legislative Council. At the Panel meeting on 27 April 2006, members agreed to follow up on the implementation timetable for regulation of medical devices. The Administration will brief the Panel on the regulatory proposal of medical devices in due course.	3 rd /4 th quarter, 2010
5. Healthcare Reform Second Stage – Proposals on healthcare financing New item proposed by the Administration.	3 rd /4 th quarter, 2010

* Subject to the support of the Food, Environment, Hygiene and Works Committee of the Central and Western District Council at its meeting to be held on 20 May 2010.

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for discussion**

- 6. Redevelopment of Yan Chai Hospital**

New item proposed by the Administration.

3rd/4th quarter,
2010
- 7. Refurbishment of Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital**

New item proposed by the Administration.

3rd/4th quarter,
2010
- 8. Expansion of the blood transfusion service headquarters**

New item proposed by the Administration.

3rd/4th quarter,
2010
- 9. Redevelopment of infirmary, community interface and carers' support services in the Haven of Hope Hospital**

New item proposed by the Administration.

3rd/4th quarter,
2010
- 10. Regulation of "Health Maintenance Organisations"**

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 health maintenance organisations, in view of the lack of adequacy of the Medical Director concept to safeguard patients' welfare.

3rd/4th quarter,
2010
- 11. Healthcare Reform Second Stage – Electronic health record sharing**

New item proposed by the Administration.

4th quarter, 2010 /
1st quarter, 2011
- 12. Redeployment of directorate posts in the Department of Health**

Item proposed by the Administration in the 2008-2009 legislative session.

To be confirmed

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13. Drug Formulary of the Hospital Authority

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 12 February 2007, the Administration was requested to report to the Panel when the Hospital Authority Board had come to a view on the mode of supply of self-financed item drugs before implementation. The Administration was also requested to review the assessment criteria for introducing new drugs into HA Drug Formulary and for assistance under the Samaritan Fund.

When the grant for the Samaritan Fund was discussed at the Panel meeting on 10 November 2008, members raised concern about the assessment criteria and the operation of the Drug Formulary and the Samaritan Fund. Members considered it necessary to advance the discussion on the matter at a forthcoming Panel meeting.

At the meeting on 8 June 2009, the Administration briefed members on the latest developments of the HA Drug Formulary.

When the policy on the use of drugs in public hospitals under HA in immediate life threatening emergency situations was discussed at the Panel's special meeting on 19 June 2009, Hon Andrew CHENG and Hon Albert CHAN proposed to discuss the implementation of the HA Drug Formulary at a future meeting, and deputations should be invited to give views on the subject.

14. Implementation of the Elderly Healthcare Voucher Pilot Scheme

To be confirmed

The Panel discussed with the Administration on the Pilot Scheme on 12 October and 12 November 2007, and 14 April 2008. At the meeting on 14 April 2008, the Panel passed a motion requesting the Administration to provide health care vouchers to elders aged 65 or above, increase the value of each health care voucher to at least \$100, expedite the launching of the health care voucher pilot scheme within 2008, and provide each senior citizen with at least 10 health care vouchers a year.

The Scheme was launched on 1 January 2009 for three years up to the end of 2011.

At the special meeting of the Panel on 16 October 2009, the Administration advised that an interim review would

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be conducted after the Scheme had been implemented for a year. A comprehensive review would also be carried out upon the completion of the three-year pilot period. The reviews would cover the effectiveness and scope of the Scheme, amount of subsidy, etc.

At the meeting on 8 March 2010, Hon CHAN Hak-kan proposed discussion of the interim review on the implementation of the Scheme in view of the media reports about improper voucher reimbursement claims by some healthcare service providers enrolled in the Scheme.

15. Shortage of nurses

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 8 March 2010, Hon CHEUNG Kowk-che suggested that the subject should be discussed by the Panel within the current legislative session.

16. Implementation of the Shared Care Programme

To be confirmed

The Panel was briefed on the three-year pilot Programme at the meeting on 8 March 2010. The Administration agreed to revert to the Panel on the progress of the Programme one year after implementation.

17. Improvement of doctors' working hour in public hospitals

To be confirmed

The Panel discussed with the Administration on the Final Report on Doctor Work Reform on 12 April 2010. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the progress of improving doctors' working hour in six to 12 months' time.

18. Adulteration of western medicine in Chinese proprietary medicine

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 12 April 2010, Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou suggested that the subject should be discussed by the Panel at a future meeting.