

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 12 October 2009)

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Implementation of the human swine influenza, pneumococcal and seasonal influenza vaccinations	November 2009
At the meetings on 10 June and 13 July 2009, the Administration advised the Panel of its intention to brief members on the implementation details of the human swine influenza, pneumococcal and seasonal influenza vaccinations in October 2009.	
2. Refurbishment of Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital	4 th quarter, 2009
Item proposed by the Administration in the 2008-2009 legislative session.	
3. Redevelopment of Yan Chai Hospital	4 th quarter, 2009
New item proposed by the Administration.	
4. Expansion of the blood transfusion service headquarters	4 th quarter, 2009
New item proposed by the Administration.	
5. Private hospital development	4 th quarter, 2009
New item proposed by the Administration.	
6. Funding for Health and Health Services Research Fund (HHSRF)	4 th quarter, 2009
New item proposed by the Administration.	

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

7. Organ donation

4th quarter, 2009

New item proposed by the Administration.

8. Human Organ Transplant (Appeal) Regulations

1st quarter, 2010

New item proposed by the Administration.

9. Redevelopment of infirmary, community interface and carers' support services in the Haven of Hope Hospital

1st quarter, 2010

New item proposed by the Administration.

10. Redeployment of Directorate Posts in the Department of Health

1st quarter, 2010

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

11. Regulation of medical devices

1st quarter, 2010

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.

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

1st quarter, 2010

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

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.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

13. Smoking cessation

1st quarter, 2010

New item proposed by the Administration.

14. Second phase smoking ban at public transport interchanges

2nd quarter, 2010

New item proposed by the Administration.

15. Regulation of "Health Maintenance Organisations"

2nd quarter, 2010

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.

16. Expansion of private services by the Hospital Authority

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG during the last term of the Legislative Council.

17. 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.

At the meeting on 9 February 2009, Hon Cyd HO proposed to discuss medical waiver mechanism of public hospitals and clinics before the Second Stage Public Consultation on Healthcare Reform.

18. Remuneration of the senior executives of the Hospital Authority

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG on 22 January 2009.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

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 remuneration of senior executives in the Hospital Authority.

19. Healthcare Reform Second Stage – Primary care reform

To be confirmed

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.

20. Healthcare Reform Second Stage – Electronic health record sharing

To be confirmed

New item proposed by the Administration.

21. Healthcare Reform Second Stage – Proposals on healthcare financing

To be confirmed

New item proposed by the Administration.

22. Regulation and control of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong

1st quarter, 2010

At the meeting on 31 March 2009, the Administration was requested to report to the Panel when the Review Committee on Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products came up with measures that could be implemented in the short term to better safeguard the safety of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong.

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for discussion**

23. Final review outcome of pilot doctor work reform programmes

1st quarter, 2010

At the meeting on 11 May 2009, the Administration was requested to report to the Panel the final review outcome of the pilot doctor work reform programmes after the Steering Committee on Doctor Work Hours submitted its final review report to the Hospital Authority Board in early 2010.

24. 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 the Hospital Authority (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.

25. Issues arising from the recent medical incidents of HA

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Fred LI and Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou on 19 and 31 August 2009 respectively.

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for discussion**

Hon Fred LI suggested that issues in connection with the revelation of an incident at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on 16 August 2009 whereby the identities of two new born babies were exchanged should be discussed by the Panel. These included the handling of medical incidents by HA, the quality of the services provided by HA staff and the protection of patient data privacy.

Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou proposed to discuss the technical and regulatory issues relating to the series of medical incidents of HA occurred in August 2009, as well as the employment and pay adjustment mechanism for HA doctors and the support provided by HA to its frontline staff in order to prevent recurrence of medical incidents.

26. New initiatives for improvements on mental health services

1st quarter, 2010

New item proposed by the Administration.

27. Enhancing quality patient care

2nd quarter, 2010

New item proposed by the Administration.

28. Nursing care in residential care homes for the elderly

Item proposed by Dr Hon Joseph LEE during the last term of the Legislative Council.

The Administration suggests that this matter should be followed up by the Panel on Welfare Services

29. Promoting the physical and psychological well-being of school children

Item proposed by Hon Albert CHAN when the progress report on promoting healthy eating among school children was discussed at the meeting on 9 February 2009.

The Administration suggests that this matter should be followed up by the Panel on Education