

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

(Position as at 5 November 2009)

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>(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 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> <p>The Administration's response to the motion was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)205/09-10(01) on 5 November 2009</p>

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		<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. Progress report on promoting healthy eating among school children</p>	<p>9 February 2009</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide findings of the following two surveys once they became available -</p> <p>(a) Child Health Survey conducted by the University of Hong Kong; and</p> <p>(b) Food Consumption Survey conducted by the Chinese University of Hong Kong.</p>	<p>The Administration updated the Panel vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1932/08-09(01), which was issued to members on 18 June 2009, that the data analysis of the Child Health Survey and the survey report of the Food Consumption Survey were expected to complete by end of 2009.</p>
<p>3. Regulation and control of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong</p>	<p>31 March 2009</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the revised checklist used by the inspectors of the Department of Health when conducting inspections on pharmaceutical manufacturers once they were finalised.</p>	<p>The Administration updated the Panel vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2139/08-09(01), which was issued to members on 7 July 2009, that the revised inspection checklist would be available after the completion of the Good Manufacturing Practices consultancy study on local manufacturers and the subsequent adoption of the consultancy recommendations by the Review Committee on Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products.</p>

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4. Interim review outcome of pilot Doctor Work Reform programmes	11 May 2009	The Administration was requested to provide information on the average number of public hospital medical and nursing staff on each night shift and the average weekly work hours of public hospital doctors at different ranks.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2198/08-09(01) on 13 July 2009. According to the Administration, HA has started monitoring doctors' working hours systematically since January 2009. The work hour data of HA doctors will be available by end of the third quarter of 2009.
5. Policy on use of drugs in life threatening emergency situations	19 June 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following in writing -</p> <p>(a) the relevant extract from the minutes of the Drug Utilisation Review Committee's meeting held in March 2006 regarding its relevant consideration on the use of a self-financed item or special drug outside its indications specified in the Hospital Authority Drug Formulary; and</p> <p>(b) the more explicit guideline to be promulgated by the Hospital Authority (HA) to reiterate the policy on the use of drug in immediate life threatening emergency situations after the internal consultation within HA.</p>	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)206/09-10(01) on 5 November 2009